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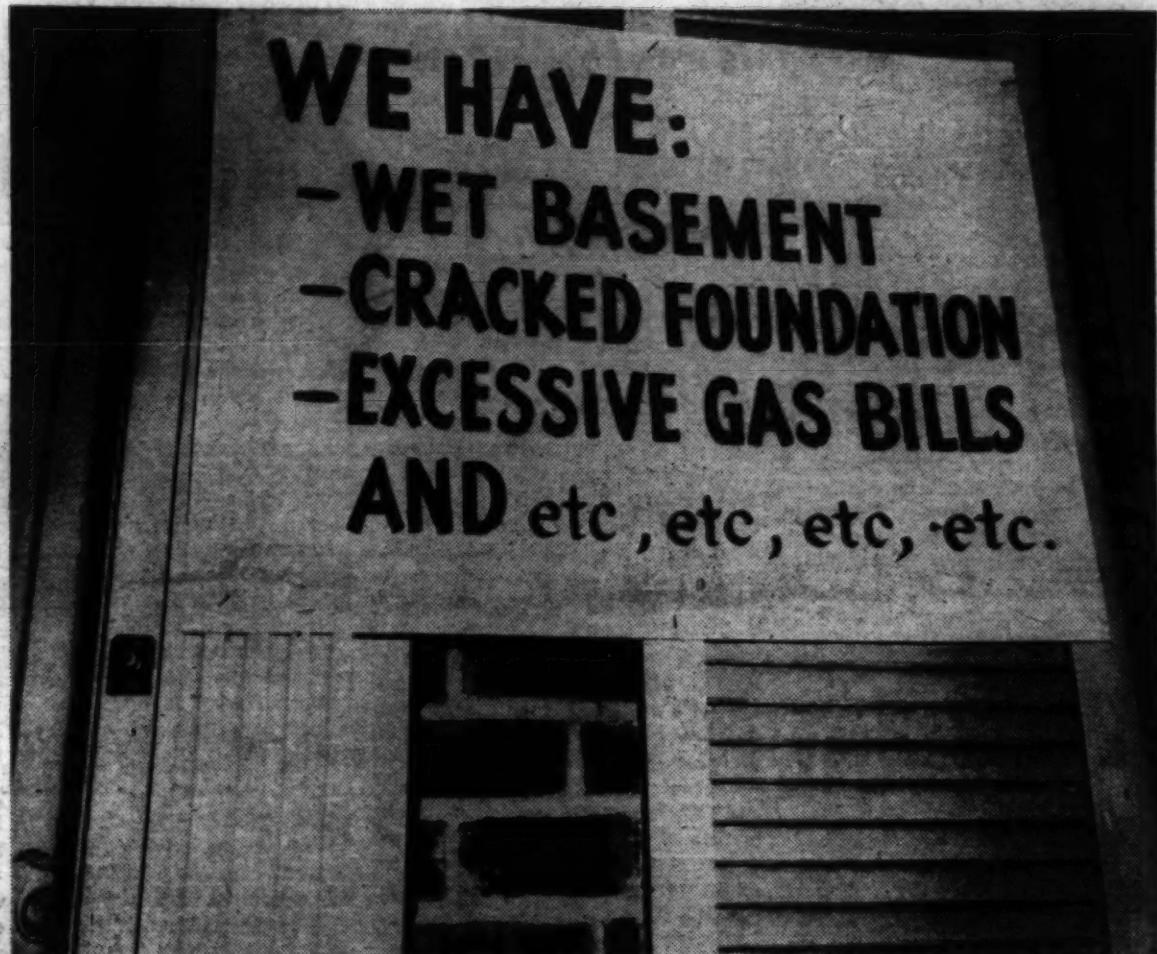
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# COURT TO RULE ON T-H LAW

**WE HAVE:**  
- WET BASEMENT  
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- EXCESSIVE GAS BILLS  
AND etc, etc, etc, etc.



**VETERANS' COMPLAINT:** Out in Bayside, Queens, veterans are trying to sell their newly purchased homes because they aren't as sweet as private industry advertised them to be. The veterans have posted signs outside their homes warning new buyers that the homes have wet basements, cracked foundations and excessive gas bills. (See story on Page 8.)

—Daily Worker Photo by Art

## **NMU To Test Affidavit Clause**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The first court case challenging the constitutionality of the non-Communist affidavits of the Taft-Hartley law was accepted here today by Federal Judge Bolitha K. Laws of the district court here. Acting on a complaint by the CIO National Maritime Union, Judge Laws announced that he would appoint a three-judge court to hear NMU arguments that certain sections of the law violated the First, Fifth, Ninth and Tenth Amendments to the Constitution.

The NMU brought the action in connection with a suit for an order restraining the National Labor Relations Board from holding an election among workers of two Great Lakes shipping firms, the Wilson Transit and M. A. Hanna Companies. The union was barred from appearing on the ballot because of its refusal to sign affidavits.

Judge Laws did not rule on the request for a restraining order.

In an accompanying affidavit, Joseph Curran, NMU president, deposed that although he was not a Communist, he had refused to sign a Taft-Hartley affidavit because he believed it an invasion of his fundamental rights.

### **VIOLATE RIGHTS**

Curran's affidavit also pointed out that other sections of the Taft-Hartley law violated constitutional rights, especially those requiring furnishing copies of union financial statements and bylaws.

The petition referred to the union's constitution which bars discrimination against any person because of "race, color, creed or political belief."

The CIO United Steel Workers and United Electrical Workers Union are also reported to be preparing court cases to test the constitutionality of the non-Communist affidavits.

### **Murray Renews Plea for Unity**

By Max Gordon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—CIO President Philip Murray renewed his plea today to the AFL for unity in the fight against the Taft-Hartley law. In a letter to AFL President William Green, Murray said three months of experience with the law have given abundant proof that the dire predictions made at the time it was passed are coming true.

His "common front" appeal to Green came on the eve of an AFL Executive Council and Political League meeting scheduled here tomorrow. AFL leaders said the request probably will come before the Council.

Murray's letter to Green cited three major examples of National Labor Relations Board rulings which threaten to undermine the trade union movement:

- The Board's general counsel has "practically authorized" employers to hire "investigators" to ferret out

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## **Dulles Flies Today to Meet DeGaulle, Schuman**

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# Dulles to Meet DeGaulle, Schuman on French Crisis



DE GAULLE  
Waits for Dulles

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Secretary of State George C. Marshall today instructed John Foster Dulles of his delegation to go to Paris and consult high French leaders. Dulles, a member of the American delegation to the Big Four conference, will fly to Paris tomorrow, weather permitting. Otherwise he will go by train and boat.

As Marshall's personal emissary, he will confer with all top French officials. He planned specifically to have long talks with Premier Robert Schuman and Gen. Charles De Gaulle, but not, it appeared with Communists.

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault arrived back from Paris today after consulting Schuman and other government leaders, and attended today's Big Four Foreign Ministers meeting.

#### SEES TREATY DELAY

At this meeting Russian Foreign Minister Viacheslav Molotov accused the United States of delaying a German treaty and asked that all big four countries submit draft German treaties within two months.

Bidault and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin joined Marshall in opposition. Marshall denied Molotov's accusation.

"The language of Yalta and Potsdam," he said "quite evidently

means one thing to us and another to the Soviet Union."

Molotov later withdrew his proposal for submission of treaty drafts.

Dulles' mission will be to determine the status of the political and economic crisis in France. It has been a big factor in the Council of Ministers' discussion of Germany.

The length of Dulles' trip was undetermined. When he returns he will report personally to Marshall on his judgment whether it is possible to continue the discussions here in the light of the French crisis.

## House Debates Aid Bill Today

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

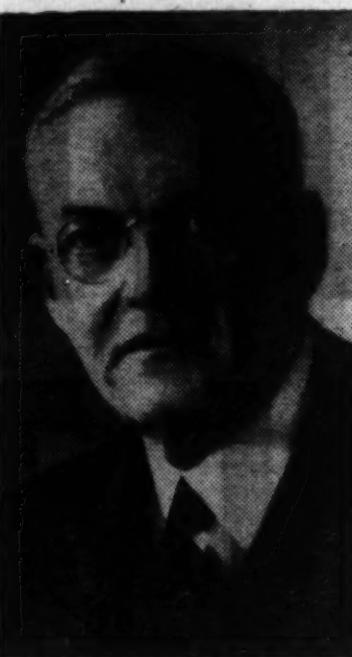
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—General debate on the House bill to authorize \$590,000,000 for China, France, Italy and Austria will begin tomorrow. Twelve hours debate will be allowed, after which the bill will be open to amendment.

The House Foreign Aid Committee report on the bill touched off a heated discussion before the Rules Committee that sent congressmen into a lather of hot war talk. Forrest A. Harness (R-Ind) said he was tired of hearing the "stop communism" argument.

"Did it stop communism in Greece and Turkey?" he demanded.

The Foreign Affairs Committee report asserted that "Communist leadership has now instigated a reign of strikes and violence, designed to prevent the economic stabilization of the European countries."

The report gave "delay in the recovery of Germany" as the "second aggravating factor" in the European situation. For this the blame was assigned to the Soviet Union.



DULLES  
To Meet De Gaulle

## N. Y. Unionists Back French Workers

Labor leaders here yesterday called for support to the French workers fighting against reduced living standards and government attempts to smash the unions.

Max Perlow, secretary-treasurer of the CIO United Furniture Workers, declared, "The French Workers are fighting for their rights and to defend their working conditions. All labor should protest the French government's repressive measures which, if continued, can only lead to fascism."

Pietro Lucchi, secretary-treasurer of the CIO Fur and Leather Workers, also called upon all labor "to find ways and means of expressing their support." Lucchi, who last year made an extended tour of Italy and France and met with labor leaders there, said the workers in those countries are "fighting to maintain and improve their living conditions."

Certain forces "in the U. S. and England," he added, "are encouraging the attacks upon the French workers." Lucchi blasted the commercial press for "exaggerations" in reporting the news from Italy and France. He pointed out that he had met with the leadership of the Italian labor movement where "complete, democratic unity" exists. He said the top leadership of the Italian workers was shared by Christians, Democrats, Socialists and Communists.

Ben Gold, president of the Fur union, asserted that French Premier Schuman "would not have dared to try cracking down on the French workers without the encouragement of the Marshall Plan. All unions should get together to send aid to the French workers."

James Durkin, president of CIO United Office and Professional Workers, said: "Organized office and professional workers sympathize with the fight of French labor against hunger and distress and their courageous battle on behalf of the right to strike, which is encouraging to unions here who face similar resistance and attacks."

AFL leaders also began to speak up yesterday. Morris Davis, recording secretary of Painters Local 848, remarked: "This is the Taft-Hartley law in action in France. It's largely a result of U. S. intervention."

Other leaders announced that their unions would meet soon to take appropriate action expressing labor solidarity with the French workers.

## Capital Notes

### How About Civil Rights in Washington

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

#### WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT TRUMAN has been handed an opportunity to demonstrate that he means what his civil rights committee said about democracy in its recent much-discussed report.

The term of one of the three city commissioners who administer the city of Washington recently expired, and Truman must name a successor. The people of this city, as you know, are voteless. Congress legislates for them, and a three-man commission, appointed by the President, serves as the administration.

An impressive group of Negro and white leaders have petitioned Truman to name to the vacant post Charles H. Houston, top-notch lawyer who is renowned as one of the nation's greatest and most brilliant fighters for civil liberties.

Despite a Negro population, which is 28 percent of the city's population, there never has been a Negro commissioner. And the position of the Negro population here in the nation's capital is scandalous.

The campaign for Houston's appointment was started by 21 leaders about a month ago. The five-man campaign steering committee consists of Rev. Robert W. Williams, president of the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance, chairman; former U. S. Sen. Joseph Guffey (D-Pa.); Henry Beltscher, president of the CIO Industrial Union Council; Edwin B. Henderson, vice-president of the NAACP; and Dr. Joseph L. Johnson, dean of the Howard University Medical College.

The movement has snowballed, and now includes many groups and individuals who are about to launch a petition drive for 50,000 signatures.

HOUSTON, incidentally, is chief counsel in the historic battle to outlaw restrictive covenants—the heart of Jimcrow housing. The battle will reach its climax next week when the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear argument on the constitutionality of the restrictive covenant.

Three cases will be before the court on appeal.

The Department of Justice will argue for outlawing the covenants as a "friend of the court." Several organizations, including the national CIO and the National Lawyers Guild, have already submitted written briefs.

RUSSELL SMITH, National Farmers Union legislative representative, is warning consumers' groups that prices today will look like deflation next spring unless some powerful controls are slapped on.

Smith says all farmers know that meat and grain prices are due for a steep new hike within the next few months, and that means poultry, eggs, milk and milk products too.

He maintains—properly—that it is nonsense to blame the farmers since they cannot do anything about it. What is more, a large part of the farm population will get little out of it.

But he also warns consumers that the farmers will not tamely accept "selective" price controls which hit only their products and keep prices high for the things they have to buy. If price control comes, they say, let it be "across-the-board," including all essential items in their cost-of-living, too.

## New Palestine Rioting Brings Deaths to 23

JERUSALEM, Palestine, Dec. 3 (UP).—Fresh rioting broke out tonight in Haifa, oil port of Palestine. Arabs and Jews earlier had fought in the Jaffa-Tel Aviv no man's land.

A convoy fought through an Arab ambush to take supplies to the Kefar Zion Jewish colony in the Hebron hills south of Jerusalem.

Earlier, Jews and Arabs clashed in downtown Haifa. Jews burned seven Arab shops in the Haifa commercial center, which was mostly burned yesterday.

#### HAGANAH CHIEF SLAIN

Ten men—seven Arabs and three Jews—were reported killed in the Jaffa-Tel Aviv and 32 seriously wounded, 24 of them Arabs and eight Jews.

Moshe Neuman, Haganah commander in chief for the Tel Aviv area, was among the Jews killed.

This brought the unofficial toll of casualties in two days of disorder in Palestine riots over the country's partition to 23 killed and 162 wounded. Hundreds more suffered minor injuries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP).—A high army source predicted today that Russia, using bloodshed in Palestine as an excuse, will occupy the Holy Land with troops in a matter of months.

But Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.), a veteran member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, took sharp issue with such forecasts. He said it is "unfortunate to ascribe such motives to Russia at this time."

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 3 (UP).—Student mobs terrorized and all but paralyzed Cairo today, stoning, wrecking and looting in the third day of increasingly riotous demonstrations against the partition of Palestine.

Demonstrations were reported in Alexandria, Bernha and other cities. Hundreds of students here shouted "down with America" before the American embassy.

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Dec. 3 (UP).—A British spokesman revealed today that Britain would refrain from naming the deadline for ending the Palestine mandate until

## French Cabinet Calls Up 80,000 to Break Strike

PARIS, Dec. 3.—The cabinet today called up 80,000 reserve troops to reinforce police and mobile guard units in their operations against striking French workers following the wrecking of a Paris-to-Arras

mail train trumped up as "sabotage." Communist representatives in the Chamber of Deputies charged the unbolting of the rails, which resulted in the wreck and the death of 20 persons, was another "Reichstag Fire" frame-up ordered by the government as an anti-strike provocation.

Minister of the Interior, Jules Moch, ordered a cordon of 4,000 police and guards around the National Assembly, claiming he "knew for sure that groups of demonstrators were ready to converge on the Chamber . . . ."

The police and guards blocked off all avenues and streets leading to the Assembly within a radius of five blocks. Light machine guns and supplies of tear gas bombs were stacked on the Seine quays in front of the Assembly. All traffic was stopped as far away as Madeleine, a quarter of a mile from the Assembly. Tampering with rail lines was also reported on the Paris-Lyon route near Melun. Rene Mayer, Minister of Finance and National Economy announced the Arras wreck in the Assembly. Right-wing deputies immediately leaped to their feet and

demanded quick passage of the rest of Schuman's strike-breaking program.

There was a report the government had offered an immediate 22 percent increase in workers' family allowances and promised more benefits within two days.

#### ARREST WORKERS

Police continued to arrest workers resisting the use of scabs in struck plants, and seized pamphlet calling for unity in the strike movement.

Early this morning the Assembly approved the legislation legalizing arrest and sentencing of persons opposing use of scab labor. Moch told the Assembly the Communists were attempting to paralyze French industry through strikes "on an international order to prevent fulfillment of the Marshall Plan."

Two million civil servants and 250,000 shop and office employees announced plans to go on strike Friday for increased wages.

Police used tear gas and nightsticks on workers in Beziers, in South France and at Rennes. Many were injured, one seriously.

Mobile guards continued to move into plants and mills including the big metallurgical plant in Lille.

## Labor Wants Pork Chops

AN EDITORIAL

IT WAS a touching scene recently when CIO official James Carey and other labor leaders including Phil Murray and William Green had a love feast with the country's biggest corporation executives in favor of the so-called Marshall "relief" plan.

We wonder how the loving Wall Street corporations, just dripping with generosity for Europe, will act toward the latest demand of the CIO for "substantial wage increases."

Phil Murray told the press that the CIO leadership has just voted to insist on wage increases in coming negotiations with the giant corporations.

It is obvious that the CIO places little confidence in the pious hopes of President Truman that Big Business is going to reduce prices.

Truman admitted that labor's wages have been cut by a 23 percent rise in the cost of living since a GOP-Democratic coalition murdered OPA over a year ago. But President Truman also warned labor not to ask for more money to pay for pork chops.

What Truman did in his so-called "anti-inflation" program, therefore, was to ask labor to accept the wage cut it had been handed during the past two years as a permanent part of American life. He asked Congress for authority to "freeze" labor's lowered living standard.

Rising prices of the past two years wiped out labor's two small wage increases since 1945. But why did the government permit the profiteers to send prices soaring far above the small increase in labor costs? Why did Truman permit Big Business and Congress to slap a 23 percent increase in the cost of living on labor's average 10 percent wage increase?

Truman argues that labor must accept lower living standards because the government refuses to curb the profiteers.

But the 6,000,000 CIO members have to find some way of restoring their buying power to what it was two years ago, at least. Wage increases are the only answer, plus drastic curbing of the price crooks whose corporation profits have soared to unbelievable heights since 1945.

American labor has been told that Big Business is showing a heart of gold in the Marshall Plan. Labor has never seen this heart of gold in Big Business. Europe will never see it either, for it doesn't exist. That's why French labor is striking today. For the same reason, American labor now prepares to struggle for pork chops.

## 3,000 Bosses Applaud Call to Fight Wage Rise

Three thousand employers at the annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers applauded today as their president, Earl Bunting, voiced their opposition to wage increases.

Bunting's speech at the Waldorf-Astoria ballroom was the NAM's answer to CIO president Philip Murray's announcement that labor would press for higher wages to offset the rising cost of living.

Wage increases must not be asked by labor unless productivity is increased, Bunting declared in his speech. But in a press conference later he admitted productivity could not be increased unless more capital is invested in industrial equipment. And such investments are lagging, he said.

### MARSHALL PLAN

The NAM, which dominates Congress today, gave much attention to the Marshall Plan in several speeches today.

Bunting himself laid down the NAM line on the use of relief as a weapon.

Foreign countries getting U. S. aid must "modify and eventually eliminate price controls and other controls over the internal production and distribution of commodities," he insisted.

Aided countries must also cease nationalizing industry, said an earlier statement that Bunting made in the name of the NAM, which was given to the press again yesterday.

The NAM statement added that further investment opportunities in foreign countries seeking aid must be opened to American capital.

Bunting also added that reconstruction loans, as distinguished from relief, should be made by banks—either the World Bank or private sources—and not by the American government.

### DULLES' PLAN

Allen W. Dulles, banker and lawyer, brother of John Foster Dulles, American State Department adviser, warned the NAM that the Marshall Plan needed the help of some "socialist or partly socialist" governments in the struggle now going on

in Europe.

Some NAM extremists are urging an American crackdown on foreign nationalization schemes at once.

Dulles warned the process would have to be more gradual.

It will be possible for America eventually "to turn the tide against socialist experimentation" in Europe if careful tactics are used, he said.

Dulles and J. Howard Pew, NAM vice-president, and Sun Oil Co. chairman, talked much about the challenge of "Communism" to what they called the American system.

Pew called attention to the centenary of the Communist Manifesto this winter. The Communist Manifesto, he admitted sorrowfully, has "strongly influenced the course of history."

Father Robert I. Gannon, S.J., president of Fordham University; Dr. George Gallup, Clarence B. Randell, vice president of the Inland Steel Co.; Robert R. Wason, ex-NAM president, and Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives, were among the other speakers today.

Robert N. Denham, counsel to the National Labor Relations Board, and chief Taft-Hartley axe man, speaks today. H. W. Story, vice president of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co., speaks on Communist Influence in the Trade Unions today.

### Talks Self Into Job

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP).—Edward E. Mansur, Jr., a 30-year-old Navy veteran from Jefferson City, Mo., talked himself into a \$10,000-a-year job with the U. S. Senate today.

Mansur out-talked two other finalists in a private audition held by Republican senators to select a new reading clerk for the Senate. He succeeds 63-year-old John C. Crockett who retired recently after 40 years on the job.

## Says Rhatigan Used Office to Push Self

By Louise Mitchell

Former Welfare Commissioner Edward R. Rhatigan used his public office to advance his own political schemes, Jack Bigel, New York district president of the CIO United Public Workers charged yesterday. At a press conference at the City CIO's office at 1133 Broadway, Bigel further charged that Rhatigan's attacks upon the union at a state hearing into city relief on Tuesday was a "last-minute reversal" of previous public statements by him.

Rhatigan had testified at the state hearing that the Welfare Department was Communist "tainted" and that the UPW had followed the "Communist Party line for the past 10 years." Although

he said there were from 400 to 600 Communists in the Department, he stated he did not know a single Communist in the Department, and he could not cite an instance of "subversive activity."

"At almost every conference with Rhatigan," said Bigel, "he asked for CIO support for higher political office. In the course of 23 months, Rhatigan proposed himself for the Governorship, the cabinet post of Federal Secretary of the Department of Welfare, Deputy Mayor, Director of the City Division of Labor Relations, and chairman of the state program for refugee aid."

### NEGLECTED PEOPLE

Under such circumstances, said Bigel, Rhatigan could "hardly be expected to devote much thought or effort to the immediate problem of 270,000 needy in our city."

Present at the press conference were other leaders of the union, including Frank Herbst, manager of Local 1 and Ewart Guinier, regional director; and Saul Mills, executive secretary of the City CIO and Daniel Allen, political action director of the City CIO.

Refuting Rhatigan's testimony, Bigel recalled that Rhatigan had told the press on May 22 that "it is only fair to say that the United Public Workers has made a definite contribution to the morale of the Department of Welfare."

### ASKED UNION COOPERATION

At the state hearing, Rhatigan had testified the union's activities had worsened morale.

Bigel also disclosed Rhatigan had



LABOR SECRETARY Lewis B. Schwellenbach is shown as he testified before the House Banking Committee in Washington. He told the group considering Truman's anti-inflation proposals that he is for presidential powers to impose wage controls.

## FLAGPOLE SITTER STIRS PATERSON TO APATHY

By John F. Norman

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 3.—Post-war II's Bureau of Wonderful Nonsense opened officially at 12:04 yesterday when Henry Frechette, Newark's steeplejack, climbed 150 feet up a flagpole atop City Hall Annex here and began to sit.

Thousands did not cheer. Instead a quick count showed 156 Patersonians watching puzzled as Frechette installed himself in a strapped chair and a public address system started running account of his feat.

The proceedings got livelier later in the afternoon when the public address system mysteriously began to pick up short wave police broadcasts. Large crowds cheerfully gathered at the Second National Bank to greet a police escort which arrived in response to a routine short wave request for an armed payroll guard—usually a highly confidential business.

Frechette will sit until Saturday when he is slated to welcome Santa Claus to Paterson as the representative of local merchants and whatever trade they are able to. Nicholas will arrive by helicopter.

### DAZED BY IT ALL

At the Paterson Chamber of Commerce which is sponsoring Frechette's 96-hour vigil, executive vice president E. J. MacKewan was a little dazed at the national interest aroused in its revival of the

Dizzy Decade's most pointless publicity stunt.

"We didn't think we were starting anything," he said. "We just wanted to drum up business."

But a history-conscious public had deluged the Chamber's office with telegrams and calls requesting more information on Frechette's history. One call, MacKewan said came in from St. Catherine, Ontario.

### SEEMED UNEASY

MacKewan, a most unscientific-looking individual, seemed uneasy when he was asked if the Chamber of Commerce was aware of what it could lead to—dance marathons, goldfish eating and a general breakdown of stability.

"If people want to eat gold fish, they will anyhow," he said a little defiantly.

The Chamber of Commerce official was quick to point out the basic differences between the 1927 and 1947 versions of the flagpole feat. For one thing, he said, Frechette will sit only four days; for another he has an electric blanket. MacKewan also said, Frechette "is extremely well-paid"—\$200 for his 96-hour tour of duty.

A wage breakdown of the sum, however, reveals that Frechette is working for \$1.61 an hour for a 40-hour week with time and a half for overtime—about the same as a silk weaver under contract won by Paterson's Local 75 of the Textile Workers Union, CIO.

several times asked union leaders to work with him in a scheme that would make the public think a "rift" existed between him and the union. The union rejected the proposal, said Bigel.

As late as Oct. 17, 1947, Rhatigan told the leaders that "I have to eat and I'm getting off the hook." He asserted that in order to regain "the support of his backers" he was going to start a crusade against the Communists because it was the popular thing to do.

Reporters immediately questioned Bigel about Rhatigan's startling reference to "his backers." Bigel declared with a smile that Rhatigan never disclosed who they were.

Rhatigan also told union leaders he was going to throw welfare standards out of the window, and strike the word "social" out of the title "social investigator."

Bigel called Rhatigan's proposal, made at the state hearing, to separate home relief from other forms of public assistance, "decadent and unprofessional," pointing out that this idea had been discarded after unsuccessful practice.

### TRIED RED-BAITING

Reporters from the World-Telegram and Journal-American asked Bigel whether the UPW "follows the party line." Bigel answered the union follows only "one line" and that is the CIO program.

"The policies of our organization," insisted Bigel, "are dictated by one force and one force only, and that is the membership."

Reporters then revealed that the Civil Service Commissioner had stated yesterday morning that the city is empowered under the Civil Service Law to fire any persons proven to be a Communist.

In a written statement, Bigel repeated the union's demands for increased relief and an adequate staff.

## Meyers' Dummy Talks for Jury

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP).—A Federal Grand Jury got a fresh insight into the affairs of Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers today from Thomas E. Readnower, the self-styled "ldummy" war contractor who accused Meyers of inducing him to lie to Senate investigators about their wartime business relations.

Readnower, brother of Mrs. Mildred H. Lamarr, whose charms Meyers blamed for all his present trouble was questioned for more than an hour.

### May Ask Gem's Return

NEW DELHI, Dec. 3 (UP).—The authoritative Hindustan Times predicted today that the Dominion of India will demand the return of the fabulous Kohinoor diamond, now in the crown of Britain's Queen Elizabeth.

The diamond, originally 186 carats but later cut to 106, passed from the East Indian company to Queen Victoria in 1849. The gem's history can be traced back as far as the 14th century.

## Hospital Plans--Who Benefits, Hospital or Patient?

A Series on the Hospital Crisis by Arnold Sroog — Beginning Monday in the Daily Worker

# China's Christian General Denounces Chiang Terror

By Olive Sutton

"I couldn't help speaking up and asking the American people not to help Chiang Kai-shek kill my little brothers and sisters," Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, China's "Christian General," told the Daily Worker yesterday. "I couldn't help it when I read how the police killed and imprisoned students and beat the young co-eds with spiked clubs. So since last May, I have determined resolutely to speak up for my people."

He spoke angrily, quickly, and his big shoulders shook with every word. "Any danger, any sacrifice, I don't care," he added.

We went to interview Marshal Feng because we had read his repeated warnings that any loans or military equipment given to the Kuomintang would only be used to kill the Chinese people, that cessation of U. S. support would mean the end of the Civil War and support for the democratic elements would mean a peaceful settlement for China.

As second in Chinese military rank only to Chiang Kai-Shek himself, and long-time Kuomintang official, Marshal Feng, it seemed to us, must know whereof he spoke. It turned out he does, and that he is also a great, warm person with a wise and ready sense of humor, which was richly interpreted by Alexander Lie, who is doing a biography of the Marshal.

## STUDYING ENGLISH

When we arrived at his apartment, Marshal Feng was just finishing a class in English—the text was the Letters of FDR, and he showed us his progress for the day, pages etched with Chinese characters in ink—the words he didn't know. . . . He laughed when we told him our foreign-language instructors would scold us for "writing in." The book, he said, was very interesting, and FDR—well, if FDR were still with us, things might be different in China.

Marshal Feng has been here since September, 1946, with the Kuomintang's Water Conservation Commission, and has visited TVA and Boulder Dam and other big water power installations. He plans to return to China in September of 1948.

He had the same solution for every aspect of the Chinese problem we brought up—removal of the Chiang Kai-shek clique and establishment of "peace and democracy through a coalition government of every democratic and liberal force." But he sees very grave dangers in the Chinese situation today, dangers for the Chinese people and world peace.

## WANTS TO INVOLVE U. S.

It is his opinion that "Chiang Kai-shek wants to involve the United States in the civil war and have the U. S. fight the Soviet Union. He hopes to benefit from such a war between two great countries. Chiang has sent many propagandists here to express hate for the Soviet Union."

And in China Chiang is busy spreading hate for the Americans. Did we know his latest military strategy? Here's how it works:

"When the Kuomintang troops attack a city they bomb it with American planes for three days and three nights. Then they bombard it with American cannon and shells for three more days and nights. Then the infantry goes forward into the city, and they ask 'Where are the Communists?' And they are told: 'They evacuated two weeks

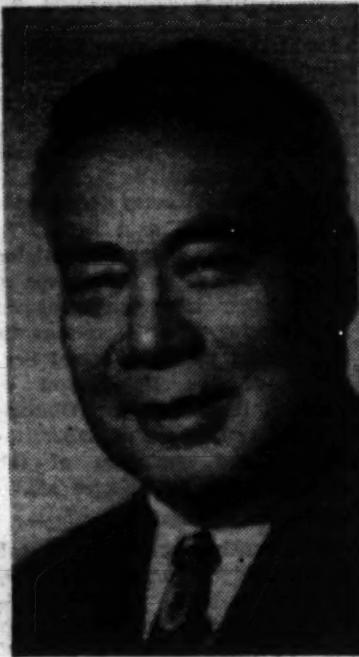
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## Marshal Feng To Speak Here



**MARSHAL FENG YU-HSIANG** will tell the full story of why he broke with Chiang Kai-shek at a meeting to protest U.S. intervention in China at the City Center Casino, 135 W. 55 St., Sunday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. Israel Epstein, author of **UNIFIED REVOLUTION IN CHINA**, will also address the meeting, which is sponsored by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.

ago." And the troops ask, "Then whom have we been fighting?" and they are told: "You have been fighting our people. Here is my brother's corpse. Here is my mother's corpse. Here is my daughter's corpse." "But then the political advisers follow the infantry and they tell the people who are left: "It is not the Kuomintang who attacked you. It is not Chiang Kai-Shek who is responsible. It is America. See these are American planes and cannon and shells. "Chiang Kai-shek is spreading hate for America," the Marshal concluded.

## PROOF OF CONCERN

Marshal Feng referred several times to the demonstrations of students and professors on the West

Coast protesting American intervention in China.

"These are proof," he said, "that the American people are concerned, that they know what is going on . . . General Marshall knows. When he left China he said the only hope is in progressive liberal elements, so he understands that the obstinate reactionaries around Chiang cannot manage China's affairs.

"America should do something, actively or passively. The Chinese people feel a very deep friendship for the American people. If the United States would only make a statement saying that munitions must not be used for the Civil War, the Civil War would stop. Or if they would only stop the shipments altogether, because the Nanking government cannot fight without American munitions. Then the progressive elements, like the Democratic League, could be head and a liberal government could be established.

"This would mean much for people in China and for peace in China and the whole world. The worst thing is to help Chiang Kai-shek. That way there can be no peace in China or the world."

## WON'T AID ANYBODY

We asked him about the establishment of an American base in Sinkiang province. "That," he said, laughing a little at his own understatement, "is beneficial neither to the United States nor China. . . . The professors and students on the West Coast really love America when they say American troops may be evacuated."

Sometimes he said, he feared that the United States government would not do the will of the "intelligent, democratic Americans." But he recalled the experiences of the Japanese Empire and of Hitler, concluding each account with a warm, reassuring smile and the comment: "You know what happened. It is very clear."

"If America would do as I have stated," he said, "the Chinese would have peace and democracy sooner. But, if not," and he smiled confidently, "we will realize our democracy and peace eventually."

## UNITY MORE EFFECTIVE

"Of course, anyone who opposes Chiang Kai-shek is called a Communist. But even his officers want peace. They do not want to fight their brothers," he recalled with a laugh the days in the late 20's when he and Chiang Kai-shek were called Communists by the Northern War Lords.

"For me," he said, "it is an old old story."

"I hope," the Marshal concluded, "the American people will not be afraid of speaking up for the democracy and peace of China. In 1776 the French people helped the American people and you will never forget that. And so this time the Chinese people need help, and they will never forget it if the American people help China's democratic leaders to establish a real coalition government. And it will be of real benefit for both our countries and the world."

What kind of a welcome did he think he would get when he returns to China, we asked as we were leaving. Marshal Feng stood up his full six-foot plus height, and answered with a soft little chuckle:

"Don't you think something will happen between now and September, 1948? A Lieutenant in the air force took a shot at Chiang Kai-shek. . . . Nobody can say when—but maybe soon."

## As We See It

### Heptisax — A Logician Of Rare Brilliance

By Milton Howard

**GENIUSES ARE BEGINNING** to make their appearance among the worriers over the "Communist menace." The latest is the Herald Tribune writer who signs his editorial pieces "Heptisax."

Heptisax's intellect is ruthless in its logic.

We are clearly violating the Bill of Rights and the American Constitution in the method by which Communists are being robbed of their elementary civil and political rights, he argues.

This is highly embarrassing, he continues, for it brings our democratic pretensions into grave disrepute.

This brings Heptisax to the fatal crossroads. But his brilliant mind is fully equal to it.

There is only one way to restore our respect for the Bill of Rights and the American Constitution, he concludes. That is to declare that the Bill of Rights and the Constitution do not apply to Communists. The Communists must be outlawed to strengthen the Bill of Rights. Such is his crushing—and ominous conclusion.

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**HEPTISAX'S** tortured logic would be comical if it did not indicate an increasing effort to justify before the nation what appears to be the next step in the schedule of reaction—outlawing the Communist Party and banning its press.

Heptisax's sophistries are probably intended to soothe the fears of the vast non-Communist majority of our citizens. The argument will be "This is merely a defense measure against a very small minority. The rest of you are completely safe. Have no fears, friends. The Bill of Rights still shines over us all, with the exception only of the Communists."

In Germany, similar arguments, adapted to the special needs and traditions of that country, were, of course, the mainstay of the Nazi terror when it hurled itself against minorities.

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**IN TRYING** to outlaw the Communists, Big Business is not aiming so much at the movement for American Socialism which is still a strictly minority movement as it is aiming a blow at the non-Communist majority of citizens. Specifically, it plans to choke off any national resistance to the imposition of a war economy upon the United States. Such an economy, based on curbing labor and civil liberties, and on "priming the pump" with a huge armaments program would not be popular.

If the Bill of Rights is left alone, a popular democratic movement of vast proportions is bound to arise in favor of the Roosevelt-Wallace program as a plan for America. This movement is in fact already taking shape for the '48 elections. It is to head off this new democratic force in American history that Big Business is now getting ready to jettison the American Constitution "piece-meal" so to speak, starting with the Communists.

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**THE ECONOMIC ROYALISTS** who do not tolerate the slightest interference with their economic power, view Constitutional democracy with a jaundiced eye.

They always have. As far back as the Constitutional Convention, they faced with fear the dilemma in which Jeffersonian democracy compelled them to grant a certain amount of political suffrage to the propertyless majority.

The rich are few; the propertyless are many. How, the rich contend, can we permit the many to have political rights of any kind whatsoever? Alexander Hamilton saw this democratic menace to private wealth with brilliant clarity and dread.

The rich tolerate democracy in the U.S.A. only so long as they can manipulate it, and keep it within harmless bounds. Whatever advances democracy has made has been achieved by popular struggle against this minority. This minority will scrap the Bill of Rights without the slightest hesitation.

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**HEPTISAX** prepares the way for the scrapping of American democracy in the name of depriving only the Communist of it. He is merely confirming the truth that Wall Street economic concentration and democracy are incompatible.

He is also confirming the truth that democracy and Communists are inseparable. Democracy without Communists is impossible in the world today.

## MGM Suspends Film Writers

**HOLLYWOOD**, Dec. 3.—Screenwriters Dalton Trumbo and Lester Cole, cited for contempt of Congress, were suspended last night by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

They were among 10 of 19 "unfriendly" witnesses cited when they refused to be bulldozed by the House Un-American committee.

Of the remaining eight witnesses, writer Ring Lardner, Jr., was fired by 20th Century Fox last week and producer Adrian Scott and director Edward Dmytryk discharged by RKO. The others did not hold studio contracts.

The MGM writers were suspended instead of fired apparently because Trumbo's contract contained no "morality clause," the only legal excuse for the firings.

Trumbo has authored such movies as *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo* while Cole's writing credits include *Blood on the Sun*.

## UN Body Forecasts World Food Decline

**WASHINGTON**, Dec. 3 (UPI)—The United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization today reported an "unfavorable" weather outlook for world food production next year. It said drought conditions had retarded planting of winter wheat in the United States and lack of soil moisture in both the United States and Canada might have serious effects on the crop.

"Somewhat the same conditions, though less severe, exist in Central and Western Europe," the organization's report said. "Much of the grain seeded has not sprouted."

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By Gene Byrnes

REG'LAR FELLERS—Safety First



## Does the Mayor Want a 15c Fare?

By Michael Singer

When the mayor talks about a fare rise just high enough to "cover operating deficits" he is opening the floodgates to a 13 to 15-cent fare. In addition, the impression he seeks to create that a fare rise to meet operating costs would release funds to build hospitals and health centers is completely false and misleading. Not a single brick would be added to hospitals by raising the fare to "meet operating costs."

Only by a self-sustaining fare, a 15-cent fare, can we get the money from the state for such a program. For the sake of emphasis, let us repeat the cycle. A fare that covers \$31,000,000 operating deficit and \$57,000,000 transit debt service would have to be in operation from July 1, 1948, to June 30, 1949, in order to release any additional capital funds after June, 1949.

In other words, more capital funds can be obtained just as quickly by constitutional amendment increasing the debt-incurring power of city (through two successive Legislatures and referendum, or by 1950) without increasing the fare one penny.

### NOT ENOUGH

Even a 13 to 15 cent fare would not free enough capital funds to build hospitals and the proposed \$400,000,000 Second Ave. subway. Such a fare increase would be barely sufficient to meet the subway costs for a Second Avenue line and leave hospital projects, estimated at \$150,000,000 without a cent.

To cover both the \$400,000,000 subway capital program and the \$150,000,000 hospital program, a self-sustaining fare at 15 cents would no longer be sufficient. As explained by the mayor's own committee, both programs to be realized would require a new self-sustaining fare to release additional capital funds and meet the carrying charges for additional borrowing power. The 15 cents fare then would have to be 17 cents and might even be 19 cents.

This is the prospect if the nickel ride is killed!

Now let's consider how real estate makes its "killing" if the fare is raised to 7½ cents or 8 cents contemplated. O'Dwyer likes to talk about the \$57,000,000 which will be continued as a realty obligation on transit debt service by a fare to "cover operating costs."

It is true that the city boosted realty assessment values by two billion dollars over last year and raised the tax rate 17 points to \$2.89 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This boost brought the revenue from real estate to \$20,892,133.03 for all city expenses and \$1,569,048.14 within the 2 percent tax limit permitted by the State Constitution.

Until the city succeeds in raising the current 2 percent tax limit it can get no more from real estate. The mayor's proposal for a 2½ percent limit would bring an additional \$80,000,000 from big property holders, which is still far out of line compared to the REAL worth of their holdings.

On 1933 estate valuations—in a depression year—were set at 19 billion dollars; today it is \$17 billion.

When real estate cries about heavy taxes it forgets that the city

gave the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and the New York Life Insurance Co. and the banks tax exemptions for housing projects from which they get a 6 percent return—a bonanza for the real estate interests. It also forgets that realty incomes have been the heaviest in history and operating expenses near an all-time low.

### ONLY HALF-TRUTH

O'Dwyer's argument, therefore, that real estate cannot be taxed any further and only amendment of the percent limit in Albany raising the amount the city can levy can bring more money from realty, sounds logical. The half-truth in this presentation is that realty does gain by a fare raised only to meet operating costs. Such a boast weakens the whole structure of making real estate pay the major burden of operations by making inevitable a self-sustaining fare.

Such an eventually will cut realty taxes about 45 points and unload the current \$57,000,000 debt service for transit on the straphanger, already snowed under by rising living costs.

O'Dwyer knows this. He knows only too well how real estate will benefit by an eight-cent fare. He also knows that his scheme to give the Board of Transportation the power to raise fares to meet operating costs by amending the Muzzicato law in the Rapid Transit Act, not only bypasses the people but creates a situation where the people will never vote on a referendum involving the fare.

## Lawyers Rap Attempt to Ban Queens AYD

Eight Queens County lawyers yesterday branded "unconstitutional" current attempts to ban the American Youth for Democracy from Queens College.

The lawyers cited U. S. Supreme Court ruling, in the case of the West Virginia State Board of Education.

This decision declared that "no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion..."

They also quoted the late Gov. Alfred E. Smith, who in a message vetoing the Lusk bills in 1920, said "I for one do not believe that government dictation of what may and may not be taught is necessary..."

The eight lawyers are Mary Murphy, Frank Scheiner, Sigmund Bergman, Matthew Silverman, Milton Davidoff, Benjamin Spiegel, Morton Friedman, and Joseph Crown.

## \$10,000 City Officials Get Raise; \$40 Men Ignored

The Board of Estimate today is expected to approve proposed wage increases totaling \$36,320 for commissioners and other high city officials. The increases which range from \$1,500 to \$2,500 annually are considered "cost of living" raises to restore salary levels of the commissioners to their 1932 standard.

A City Hall spokesman, when asked why the administration was raising commissioners' salaries while pounding away at the critical lack of funds, said:

"Commissioners also have to eat."

Nothing was said however at City Hall about the eating standards of 175,000 city workers who have been demanding wage increases. The CIO United Public Workers have been leading the fight for a \$600 minimum annual cost of living bonus citing the near-relief standards of thousands of civil service workers.

### HERE'S THE LIST

Here are the city officials who will receive pay increases:

Deputy Comptroller Lewis Lang from \$12,500 to \$15,000.

Commissioner of Investigations John M. Murtagh from \$10,000 to \$12,500.

Police Commissioner Arthur Walander from \$13,500 to \$15,000.

Fire Commissioner Frank J. Quayle from \$12,500 to \$15,000.

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Director of Real Estate William L. Ellard from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Borough Works Commissioners:

Manhattan—Phillip Zichello from \$10,000 to \$12,500; Bronx—Arthur V. Sheridan from \$10,840 to \$12,500; Brooklyn—John J. Lynch from \$10,000 to \$12,500; Queens—Maurice A. Fitzgerald from \$10,840 to \$12,500 and Richmond, Edward Rutell from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Hilda Schwartz, Secretary to the Board of Estimate, from \$7,500 to \$9,000.

In addition, the Board three weeks ago voted pay raises for newly appointed Health Commissioner Mustard from \$11,000 to \$15,000; Public Works Commissioner Zurnuhlen from \$12,000 to \$15,000; Welfare Commissioner Fielding from \$11,000 to \$15,000 and Chief Engineer Reidel from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

### UOPWA to Hold Convention

Coordination of a drive to raise white collar salaries with the CIO wage drive in basic industries will be the major order of business at the Seventh Convention of the CIO United Office and Professional Workers.

The UOPWA Convention will be held March 1-5 at the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn.



**No Marriage, Says Michael:** Seen together frequently as in this photo, King Michael of Romania and Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parme are not getting wed, says he in reply to rumors. Which is just as well, because how could American newspapers stand the astatic shock of another royal wedding so soon?

## COMMUNISTS CALL RALLY AGAINST HIGH PRICES

The Communist Party of New York will hold a protest demonstration against high prices Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 12 o'clock noon, at 39 St. and Seventh Ave.

The statement announcing the demonstration called on Congress to roll back prices and re-establish price control with teeth in it. It also urged a program of aid to Europe to be administered through the United Nations.

The demonstration will hear reports from delegations to the Republican and Democratic National Committees. These delegations have requested appointments with the officers of both parties to present the Communist program for solving the problems with which the special session was called to grapple.

Originally scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6, the demonstration will last two hours.

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# Documents on Labor Still Missing from Freedom Train

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (FP).—The Freedom Train with its priceless cargo of documents outlining the development of American liberties was on exhibit in the nation's capital Nov. 27 and 28, but the promised papers relating to American labor freedom were still missing.

The Freedom Train project was originally the idea of Atty. Gen. Tom Clark but was taken up by the American Heritage Foundation for actual operation. When Rep. Adolph Sabath (D-Ill) late in August suggested to Clark that it was strange that documents referring to labor freedom had been omitted from the display, he was assured that the matter was being taken up with top AFL and CIO leaders and they would be included.

On the road two and a half months, having been shown in most of the northeastern states, the Freedom Train documents still have a gap between the 1919 constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote and the papers relating to World War II. Among the suggestions for inclusion have been the Wagner act, the wage-hour law, Pres. Roosevelt's wartime FEPC order, the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust laws and the Norris-LaGuardia anti-injunction act.

A high Justice Dept. spokesman, asked to comment on the lack of labor papers, said the American Heritage Foundation "is still working on that," but explained "they probably haven't had time to do anything on it."

## Anglo-Soviet Talks Resume

LONDON, Dec. 3 (UP).—Harold Wilson, President of the British Board of Trade, took off from London by plane today for Moscow to reopen trade negotiations with Russia.

Russia was believed to have offered Britain several million tons of grain over the next few years in exchange for timber cutting machinery, steel rails and other manufactured products.

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### ALP Hits Dewey Plan

The American Labor Party yesterday hit Gov. Dewey's scheme to cut budget appropriations. The Governor held a meeting of his cabinet yesterday to discuss a 7½ percent cut in budget requests.

## American Youth for Democracy Answers Henry Wallace's 'CALL TO ARMS AGAINST UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING'

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## The World of Labor

### Gerald Reilly Isn't Idle: IAM Is Asking for It

By George Morris

WITHOUT EVEN WAITING for expiration of its agreement Dec. 31, the New York Employing Printers Association already has filed charges of "unfair labor practices" against the "Big 6" Local of the AFL International Typographical Union. This was revealed in a letter by A. F. Oakes, the association's president, sent to all member firms.

Oakes revealed that the charges were filed Friday, Nov. 21. It was on that very Friday that representatives of both the union and the association were in a negotiations conference.

Under the Taft-Hartley law there apparently is not even a requirement to go through the motions of negotiations, to have a basis for charges of unfair labor practices. At least we have it from no less an authority than Gerald Reilly, former member of the NLRB, the man who wrote much of the Taft-Hartley law, who is now chief counsel for the Union Employers Section of the Printing Industry. Oakes assured his members their case, filed by Reilly, is in good hands.

Reilly, having done his part for the corporations in writing the T-H law, is now the principal figure of what will undoubtedly be the most celebrated test of the law. He is handling the NLRB case against the ITU for the Chicago, New York, Detroit and other employing printers' associations. The charge? The ITU refuses to put its head into the Taft-Hartley noose. In the case of the New York printers the charge is: "they are expected to engage in 'unfair labor practices'."



ANOTHER IMPORTANT court test looms in a case against the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. U. S. District Judge Stephen W. Brennan of Utica already has issued a show-cause order against IBT Local 294. Chief NLRB Counsel Robert Denham threw the Taft-Hartley book at the union. Involved is the closed shop, secondary boycott and payment for so-called idle time. The NLRB is going as far as to ask an injunction against the union restraining it from these so-called unfair practices against any of the 400 firms under contract with the local.

The stakes are tremendous in this test. In the case of the IBT, loss of the case would mean losing the foundation for much of this union of nearly a million member. The right to boycott non-union employers is the heart of that union's power to unionize workers and hold on to union contracts. A penalty upon an employer to pay a full day's wages if he needs a driver for only part of the day is a long-recognized security practice. It finally reached the Supreme Court and the union was upheld.

By the way, the IBT now facing the big blow, was among the first unions to sign Taft-Hartley affidavits.

C. E. BROWN & CO., Rochester, N.Y., suddenly closed down its plant last Wednesday, and charged "Communist infiltration and sabotage" against the local of the International Association of Machinists representing the 150 workers. Giles E. Bullock, company treasurer, swears the plant won't reopen for a while. Charging "sabotage of production" and defective work, he says that when the plant does reopen steps will be taken to "separate the good employees from the bad" and that they will be "carefully screened." Incidentally, it isn't atom bombs that the company is making—spray pumps.

All this was viewed as rank ingratitude by IAM international representative Charles Price. The IAM, he cried, "was the first to file the anti-red statement under the Taft-Hartley Law."

The IAM certainly was. No union's officers stooped lower than those of the IAM for a chance to lick the boots of the Taft-Hartleyites. In the week the law was passed, they announced a goal of a million members which they hoped to get by raiding the non-complying CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers. Currently, they are hungrily awaiting the opportunity to work jointly with the Remington Rand Corp., if the latter succeeds in its move for decertification of the UE as the collective bargaining agent for its 10,000 workers.

Whatever the reasons other unions might have had for filing affidavits, of the IAM's top officers it could be truly said that a desire to play the role of a company union was the chief consideration. Incidentally, some of the same characters now in the IAM's leadership were officers back in the twenties when the union went for the infamous B&O Plan of company-unionizing AFL organizations.

Unfortunately, people like the 150 laid off in Rochester have no say in IAM policy. They are its real victims.

## AFL Sees Slim Hope in Albany For Labor-Backed Bills

ALBANY, Dec. 3.—The State Federation of Labor legislative conference wound up last night with delegates expressing little hope that the present State Legislature would enact labor-endorsed proposals. Major bills approved by the conference, which was attended by officials of AFL locals throughout the state, called for doubled state aid to education and sickness compensation benefits.

Edward Corsi, State Commissioner of Labor, told the conference that he did not believe a little Taft-Hartley law would be enacted here. He also endorsed increased unemployment compensation benefits.

A wide range of bills were introduced by locals but most of them were referred to the Executive Council for further consideration.

Delegates commented on the failure to take up such measures as veterans and state housing and the five-cent fare for New York City.

The conference also did nothing on political action although mandated to do so by the last convention and although top AFL leaders are meeting in Washington this week to launch Labor's Political Education League.

Measures which were referred to the Executive Council include repeal of the Condon-Wadlin anti-strike law, amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Law, dump sum accident payments, raising the constitutional limit on real estate taxes in municipalities, repeal of the teacher's merit provisions of the Feinberg education law,

By Len Kleis

**VA Issues New Rules  
On Vet Hospitals**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP)—The Veterans Administration announced today that, effective Jan. 1, it will be necessary for veterans to show service-connected disabilities to receive first priority for admittance to veterans hospitals.

**AVC Calls****Anti-Bias Rally**

The American Veterans Committee will hold an anti-discrimination rally tonight (Thursday) at Manhattan Center, 34 St. near 8th Ave., at 8:30 p.m.

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# Why J. Edgar Hoover Is Afraid of Public Protest

By Art Shields

J. Edgar Hoover's fear of public protest against FBI persecution dates back to the big united front movement against his "red raids" of Jan. 2, 1920.

The arrest of 6,000 working men and women without warrants, and the beatings of prisoners that followed, brought the people into action.

The protests rose up from the mine fields and machine shops, and from the churches and universities as well.

The climax came when a fearless U. S. District Court Judge, George W. Anderson of Boston, denounced the "red raiders" as "Un-American" in a proceeding brought by a group of Communist Party members, who were held for deportation.

**LEGAL PARTY**

The Communist Party, said Judge Anderson, is a lawful workers' movement.

The Party is based, the judge continued, on the principles of Marxian Socialism, with which "every liberally educated student of economics and sociology has for more than two generations been familiar."

"There is no evidence," added the judge in conclusion, "that the Communist Party is an organization advocating the overthrow of the government of the United States by force or violence. Hence all the petitioners ordered deported are entitled to be discharged from the custody of the immigration authorities."

The present Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter appeared as an amicus curiae, "friend of the courts," for the Communist prisoners, whom Hoover had seized in this case before Anderson.

**ANSWERS RED-BAITERS**

The judge's historic decision, dated June 23, is a monumental answer to the red-baiters, like Hoover, who seek to outlaw the Party today.

The "red-raiders," in fact, accepted the judge's decision on the Party's legality as the law at the time when they failed to appeal the cases of 16 prisoners who were freed by the court's order.

All but a few hundred of the 6,000 prisoners had also won their freedom by then. Others had already been deported. And several Communist leaders were sent to the penitentiary by a state court in New York.

But the masses of the "red-raid" victims were freed, and the workers' movement pressed forward again.

**UNIONS PROTEST**

Hundreds of trade unions joined in the protests that won this decisive victory.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, the organizer, and Fred Biedenkapp, the treasurer of the Workers Defense Union, that led the mass fight, got responses from new local unions each day.

The general counsel of the American Federation of Labor, Jackson T. Ralston of Washington, joined 11 other leading lawyers in bringing charges against the Department of Justice.

Their 70-page pamphlet on the *Illegal Practices of the Department of Justice* is a classic exposure of the lawless violence of the secret police.

Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer

mer, who ordered the raids, and Hoover, who directed them, were pitiful spectacles at the Senate Judiciary Committee and House Rules Committee hearings into the lawyer's charges that followed.

Some of the country's most distinguished lawyers were in this civil liberties lawyers' group.

Three leaders of the Harvard Law School were among them — Dean Roscoe Pound, Zechariah Chafee and Felix Frankfurter, the present Supreme Court Justice. Also Frank P. Walsh, former chairman of the

U. S. Commission of Industrial Relations, which put John D. Rockefeller, Jr., on the spot after the Ludlow mine massacre.

Francis Fisher Kane, now 81 who was stoned by Christian Fronters and Nazis at a civil liberties meeting in Philadelphia last October. Kane had resigned his job as U. S. District Attorney in Philadelphia in 1929, as a protest against the brutal "red raids."

Hoover's responsibility for conducting these red raids, which Pal-

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**Tonight Manhattan**

LEON JOSEPHSON SPEAKS: "1947 Witchhunt," Village Forum, 430 Sixth Ave. Thursday, December 4, at 8 p.m. Admission free.

**Tomorrow Manhattan**

THE SOCIAL-FORUM presents Albert E. Kahn, co-author of *The Great Conspiracy*, in "What's Ahead for the New Jewish State." Entertainment features Pinto Pete; dancing to Jerry Malcolm's orchestra. Friday, Dec. 5, 8:30 p.m. Hotel Diplomat, 108 W. 43 St. \$3 plus taxes.

PRE-XMAS PARTY. Food, drinks, songs by Cisco Houston. Subs, 60c. Proceeds to Ebasco Strike Fund. Presented by N.M.U. office staff, UOPWA 16, at White Collar Center, 30 E. 29 St.

"TRAITORS OR PATRIOTS." Harold Collins discusses significance of working class demonstrations in France and Italy in relation to Marshall Plan and the London Conference on future of Germany. Folk and square dancing following lecture. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave. 8:30. \$30.

**Tomorrow Brooklyn**  
"CALLING ALL WILLIAMSBURG." Joe Starobin will speak on "Foreign Ministers' Conference," Friday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. Williamsburg Annex of Jefferson School, 13 Graham Avenue (2nd floor), B'klyn. Subs, 50c.

**Coming**  
HOOT'N HOLLER, featuring Leadbelly, plus Oscar Brand, Charlotte Anthony and other folk singing favorites. Tickets \$1.00 at door. Dec. 6. Theodore Dreiser Club, A.Y.D., at CCNY, Lexington Ave. and 23d St. CAMP UNITY CONCERT presenting Napoleon Reed, Arline Carmen, Elmer Bernstein, at Carnegie Hall, Dec. 10. Admission 50c up.

CHANUKAH HOOTENANNY and Dance. Jewish Life presents People's Songs in a program of Jewish and other folk songs. Featuring Tom Glazer, Phil Irving, Lee Jaffa, Bill Johnson, Mel Leonard and Betty Sanders, followed by folk and social dancing to Paul Livert & his 8-piece orch.

Friday, Dec. 12, Pythian Temple, 133 W. 70th St., near Broadway. Buy tickets now at bookshops or at Jewish Life office, 35 E. 12th St. Adm. \$1.25 incl. tax.

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# Vets Get a Rooking From Builders

By Louise Mitchell

**W**ANT TO BUY A HOUSE with puddles in the cellar and skyhigh gas bills? Then step right up, folks, and see how private industry is giving the veteran a hand—the back of it.

Out in Bayside, Queens, near Bell Boulevard on 46th and 47th Avenues you can get a two-family house for \$18,000 with a roof over the frame but no steel beam in the groundwork to keep the whole thing from sagging in a few years.

You can get an \$11,000 one-family house where the basement is the hottest room in the place, and when it rains you can go wading either in your one-family or two-family manse. Even the "model" house on display in the newly built private project has water in the cellar.

If you want an earful of how home sweet home can be a pack of trouble just ask the man who owns one of those brand new things built by the Empire Associates in Jamaica and managed by the Lane Realty Co., that go under the name of homes and sell for all your money in the bank plus a 20-year mortgage.

**BUT THE SMALL HOME-OWNERS** aren't taking their woes with a shrug of the shoulders. Having formed the Bayside Gardens Civic Club, many have posted "For Sale" signs on their homes which cautions prospective buyers not to buy. The signs (see pictures) make no secret of the bad heating, excess gas bills, watery basements, lumpy plaster, porous concrete and other inconveniences.

"We don't want to sell our homes," said one of the home-owners yesterday. "It was tough enough getting a place to live. But we are protesting in this way in order to get the builders to finish up the jobs on these houses."

The non-veteran owner of an \$18,000 two-family house revealed that after paying \$5,700 in cash, he would have to pay more than \$110 monthly for 20 years to pay off the mortgage.

Many prospective buyers who come to the project to look at the unsold houses are getting an eyeful before they jump.

**AT 214-06 46TH ROAD**, the one-family house is tenanted by the Pagano and Foresta families. Angelo Foresta, who bought the house but is back in the service because of the death of his wife at childbirth, put out a sign reading: "From one fox-hole into another."

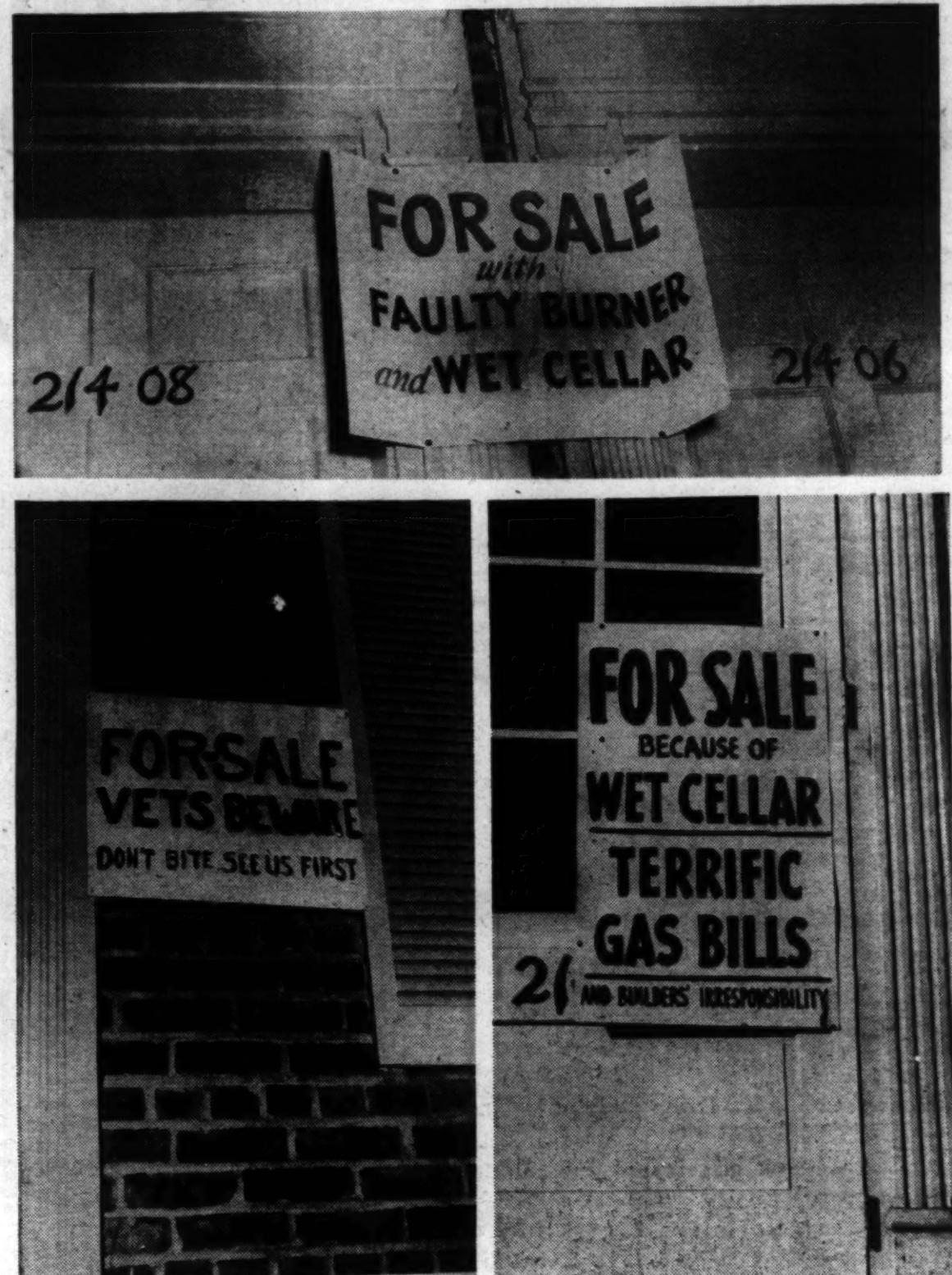
"After we put the sign out they sent a plumber around to fix the burner," said the woman in the house. "But there are still a lot of little things to be done."

"They make a lot of promises which they never keep," said another home-owner.

Fifteen-year-old Joyce Schroeder, who was home with a cold at 214-02 46th Ave., complained, "You can't furnish the basement and use it for anything if the place is full of water after every rain."

The builders have tried "to correct" the situation but the rain still comes in, she said. "Then there are the faulty burners, the sloppy plastering and poor woodwork."

Two disgusted vets have posted a sign which reads: "We are not happy here. Our foxholes were drier."



SOME OF THE FOR SALE SIGNS posted in the 76-house project in Bayside on 46 and 47 Aves. near Bell Boulevard.

Daily Worker Photos by Art

## Economic Issues

### Behind the Christmas Sales Boom

By Labor Research Assn.

**WHEN YOU SEE** all the Christmas shoppers pushing around the stores during the next three weeks you'll wonder what has become of the predicted business recession. People seem to have money.

Look at the goods moving over the counter. Look at the holiday crowds. Behind these pleasant scenes and the organ music in the big department stores, a few figures need to be kept in mind.

This is the way the sales picture for 1947 looks to the men behind the counter, or rather to the owners of the stores who clip the coupons and deposit the dividend checks.

When your Yuletide shopping spree is over their books will show that this year's total sales came to around \$108,000,000,000, or about \$11,000,000,000 more than for 1946.

But that rise of about 12 percent in dollar volume of sales will be deflated by a rise in retail prices of about 20 percent.

**THE RESULT** is what the Journal of Commerce calls one of the most "disturbing factors" in the business situation. The fact is that "throughout the year

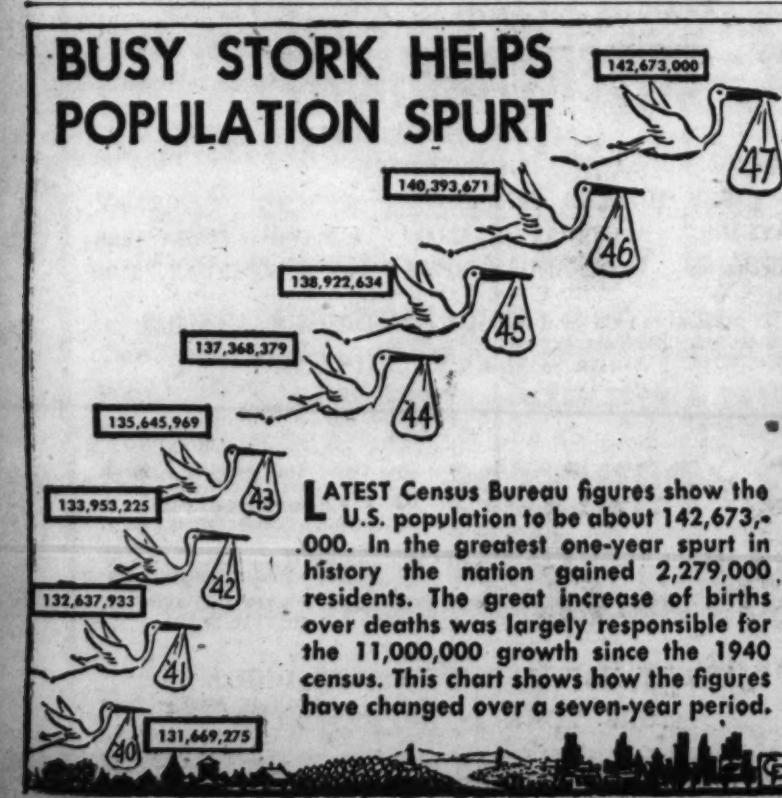
increasingly dangerous levels. The \$40,000,000,000 mark was passed some weeks ago and the Department of Commerce has indicated that the \$50,000,000,000 point might be reached by the end of the year. (See our Economic Notes, December, 1947.)

If inventories continue to mount, and unit sales decline, the result is not difficult to foresee. The Wall Street Journal (Nov. 20) says: "The danger that continued drops in unit sales of some items will lead to reduced production is a threat to store sales. It would mean more unemployment and reduced purchasing power."

And how could retail sales be held up, or at least some sort of cushion be put under the dreaded decline? The answer to that has been given by the labor movement—wage adjustments upward.

You'll find this acknowledged in the Nov. 18 issue of *The American Banker*. Prof. Howard R. Bowen, Dean of the College of Commerce and Business Administration of the University of Illinois, is quoted as having told a conference of the American Bankers Association in Chicago that "Resistance of organized labor to wage cuts may help to maintain mass purchasing power."

He clearly implies that a third round of wage increases would also be a strong buttress to sagging purchasing power.



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## Why They Try to Bar Gerson

A FIGHT of basic importance to American democratic rights is shaping up in New York over the succession to the Council seat left vacant by the death of Brooklyn Communist Councilman Peter V. Cacchione.

Democratic Party leaders, who control the Council, have indicated clearly that they will attempt to bar Cacchione's duly-named successor, Simon W. Gerson, from the seat. Some legalistic flim-flam "is furnishing the technical reason," according to Tuesday's New York Times. The real reasons go much deeper, says the same Times story, continuing:

"Actually, the Democratic stand stems from the determination of the party leaders in the city to maintain a firm anti-Communist front, taken upon promulgation of the Truman Doctrine. . . ."

### Real Reason Far Different

The legalistic mumbo-jumbo is, therefore, merely the "technical" reason. The real reason is something far different. It is the application of the Truman Doctrine to New York, which, in practice, means the suppression of the right of the people to choose their own representatives. The Democratic Party leadership is out to lynch the democratic process because it wants to eliminate a Councilman who will fight—as Pete Cacchione did and Ben Davis and other progressives do—to save the five-cent fare, to wipe out discrimination, to expand essential city service, raise civil service salaries and fight municipal corruption.

The Democratic leaders' position will not be taken lightly by many sections of the New York electorate. Labor, progressives and independent-minded conservatives will brand the City administration's attitude as an attack on the democratic process itself.

For the real issue goes beyond even the clear right of the Communist Party to a seat held by a Communist.

The basic issue is the right of 75,000 Brooklyn voters to be represented by a candidate of the same political faith they elected.

### Would Deny 75,000 Representation

To deny Gerson, the duly designated choice of the Brooklyn Communist organization, his seat is to deny representation to the 75,000 Brooklyn voters. It means a cynical refusal to permit true representation of these voters. It literally means for them taxation without representation.

Such a policy on the part of the City administration flouts the clear intent of the City Charter. Such a policy would clearly place the Democrats in the position of aping the reactionary Republicans who expelled Socialist legislators from the State Assembly in 1920.

The logic of such a position is fascism.

Destroy the rights of Communists and of Communist voters today, and tomorrow the rights of Laborites, Liberals, progressive Democrats and liberal Republicans will go. From outraging the rights of radicals, reaction will move to destroying the rights of religionists. As far back as 1920 in the fight against the ouster of the five Socialist Assemblies, the noted Catholic leader, Father John A. Ryan, wrote:

"I see quite clearly that if the five Socialist representatives are expelled from the New York Assembly . . . a bigoted majority in a State—say in Georgia—may use the action as a precedent to keep out of that body regularly elected members who belong to the Catholic Church."

### Responsibility Lies With Demos

Exactly such a precedent will be established if the Democratic majority refuses to admit Si Gerson, the duly designated successor to Pete Cacchione.

The responsibility rests squarely with the Democratic leaders of the city—with Mayor O'Dwyer, Council President Vincent Impellitteri and Majority leader Joseph T. Sharkey.

By resolutions, letters, telegrams, and delegations, democratic-minded New Yorkers of all political faiths—and organized labor in the first instance—should let the Mayor and the other city officers know their feelings.

Representative government must not be destroyed.

## PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER



## Letters from Readers

### Carey Doesn't Speak For All U.S. Workers

Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

Instead of trying to foist Secretary Marshall's super-boondoggling scheme for the trusts on the workers of Europe and Asia, that jerk Carey ought to be here at home fighting speed-up, high prices and taxes. Some nerve that guy has, telling the WFTU that all American workers are supporting the Marshall Plan!

—JACK CARSON.

### Racism Warps American Mind

Atlanta, Ga.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

How racism has warped the American mind is strikingly illustrated by two developments in this state. The other day, the mayor of Thomasville, a town near here, told newsmen his explanation of the burning of two Negro churches and a school. He said the Negroes were setting fires to their own property so as to attract sympathy from "outsiders."

And in this city, after the Council had voted to put Negroes on the police force, the police chief declared he would oppose such action until it was made clear that the new Negro policemen would have no authority over white persons.

—JAMES R. PHILLIPS.

### Likes Readable Cultural Pages

New York  
Editor, Daily Worker:

Unaccustomed as I am to writing letters of praise, I decided it is time to start by telling you how readable and informative the cultural pages of the Daily Worker have become.

One awfully practical improvement is that Herb Tank's reviews appear when the movies open. No more of this "waiting to see" what the Daily Worker says. His style and quality of criticism are constantly improving, and I can say that I've learned something from his reviews besides his opinion of the films.

—CONSTANT READER.

### Compliment for 'Worker' Secretaries

New York  
Editor, Daily Worker:

I want to compliment The Worker on the efficiency and courtesy of its secretaries and telephone operators. I'm afraid I have been something of a pest during the last few weeks, because I was writing something and needed a great deal of information. Every time I called I was surprised at the willingness of the girls to help me. Certainly I've never gotten such service from other newspapers, not even the biggest.

—MRS. HILDA GARNETT.

### PICTURE HANGING

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



## THE NEBBS—No Novelty



By Hess

## City Hall Denies List Of Communists Exists

An official City Hall spokesman yesterday reiterated Mayor O'Dwyer's statement on Tuesday that no list of Communists in the Department of Welfare "apparently exists or ever existed," as alleged by former Commissioner Rhatigan. Rhatigan had made the charge when he testified before the state probe of city relief on Tuesday. Later that day O'Dwyer denied knowledge of such a list.

The City Hall spokesman said that in November, 1939, an investigation was instituted into alleged Communist activities in the Welfare Department but was discontinued in January 1941 because of the "international political situation." No report, he said, of such an investigation exists "to the knowledge of the men identified with the administration at that time."

In a pointed criticism of press accounts dealing with this issue, the spokesman added:

"It seems that most everyone studiously avoided mentioning this in any of the stories up to now despite the fact that Rhatigan even admitted his information was hearsay."

### CONFUSION IN CITY HALL

Some confusion was apparent in City Hall yesterday over exact interpretation of O'Dwyer's position on Communists in civil service. While repeating past assertions that civil service workers could be discharged only on charges proving they were "detrimental" to their department and that Communists in municipal departments had a right to their jobs, O'Dwyer in referring to Rhatigan's "Communist list" charges, said:

"If there are Communists among them, he should not have appointed them."

Reporters gave mixed accounts of the mayor's attitude, some saying flatly that O'Dwyer defended the right of Communists to civil service jobs, others interpreting his statement that "known Communists" were to be refused appointment.

Communist Councilman Benjamin J. Davis yesterday termed O'Dwyer's statement that Rhatigan "should not have appointed" Communists, "a red-baiting denial of the right to work to citizens because of their political beliefs."

### UNJUSTIFIABLE

He said that "it is completely unjustifiable, unconstitutional and a slander against our Party." Such a "thought control attitude" the Manhattan Councilman asserted was "expected" of the House Un-American Committee, but not "from Mayor O'Dwyer."

Davis also denounced Rhatigan's testimony which raised the Communist bogey in relief.

"The bandying about of the Communist issue from one side to another in the relief investigations is to hide the fact that the relief rolls are growing and underprivileged people are being kicked off right and left, especially Negroes and Puerto Ricans," Davis charged.

He insisted the real question was to secure greater relief appropriations "first from the professional miser Gov. Dewey and secondly from the O'Dwyer administration."

Referring to Rhatigan's concern

issue the following secret memorandum, which admitted that the Communists, whom he had persecuted, had broken no federal law. The memorandum follows:

"Upon his appointment in 1924 Attorney General Stone directed that all investigators or agents of the Department of Justice confine their activities strictly to matters under existing laws. It is, of course, to be remembered that the activities of Communists and other ultra-radicals have not up to the present time constituted a violation of the federal statutes."

The Acting Director of the Bureau of Investigation (Hoover), formerly in immediate charge of counter-radical activities, acknowledged, "and consequently, the Department of Justice, theoretically, has no right to investigate such activities as there has been no violation of the federal laws."

Hoover's confession that investigation of Communists is illegal was given to Stone's assistant attorney general William J. Donovan, who later became chief of the Office of Strategic Services. It was dated Oct. 18, 1924. Its Department of Justice file number is 202600. It was made public by Attorney General Homer S. Cummings in his book *Federal Justice* in 1937.

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## Hoover

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mer ordered, was fixed by these lawyers from court records and prisoners' affidavits in their famous pamphlet

Their charges were also reproduced in the Senate Judiciary Committee and House Rules Committee hearings referred to above.

The charges showed that the Palmer-Hoover raiders violated the following amendments to the United States Constitution:

The Eighth Amendment, by imposing "excessive bail," and using "cruel and unusual punishments;"

The Fourth Amendment, by lawlessly raiding without search warrants;

The Fifth Amendment, by compelling prisoners to be witnesses against themselves by third degree terror, and by depriving them of liberty without due process of law.

### PART OF MOVEMENT

The lawyers' attack on the terror was part of the growing united front movement that checked the wave of "red raids."

The American Civil Liberties Union, then a militant civil rights movement under the chairmanship of Dr. Harry F. Ward, was an important part of this united front.

The young Communist Party, that had been born in the latter part of that year of workers' struggle, 1919, was a decisive factor in rallying workers to the battle in many basic industry towns.

The secret police clique was set back on its heels again in 1924, when an indignant people insisted that the vast system of spying on innocent people be checked.

### GETS ORDERS

Harlan F. Stone, a new Attorney General issued the following instructions to the FBI, which Hoover was then heading, in a public statement:

"There is always the possibility," said Stone, "that a secret police system may become a menace to free government and free institutions."

"The Bureau of Investigation is not concerned with political or other opinions of individuals. It is concerned only with . . . such conduct as is forbidden by the laws of the United States."

" . . . When a police system passes beyond these limits, it is dangerous to the proper administration of justice and to human liberty, which it should be our first concern to cherish."

### HAD TO ACCEPT

Hoover had to accept these instructions for awhile, though they negated what he stood for. And under obvious pressure he had to

## Indicts 7 Spies

WARSAW, Dec. 3 (UP)—Seven

Poles, including a woman who formerly worked for the American Embassy in Warsaw, were indicted in District Military Court today on charges of high treason and espionage.

Maria Marynowski, former U. S. employee, was accused of arranging contacts between the illegal Polish underground and former American Ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane and former British Ambassador Victor Cavendish-Bentinck.

Waclaw Lipinski, another defendant, was charged with personally giving secret information to U. S. Navy Lieutenant Thones, interpreter for Lane. Lipinski also was accused of writing a letter to former Opposition leader Stanislaw Mikolajczyk requesting him to boycott last January's elections, "thus insuring Anglo-American intervention."

### On Vacation Again

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 3 (UP)—President Truman arrived here early this afternoon for a five-day vacation during which he will dedicate the new Everglades National Park Saturday.

## Bar Fur Union From NLRB Poll

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The National Labor Relations Board today, ruled an employer can almost at will ask for a bargaining election where the union in his plant has refused to sign an anti-Communist affidavit. The union representing the workers would then not appear on the ballot.

The ruling today involved the CIO Fur & Leather Workers Union in Gloversville, N. Y. The employer, Herman Loewenstein, Inc., of New York had an oral agreement with the union, hang-over of a written contract with the previous owner.

The company, operating through a company union—the Adirondack Leather Workers Union, asked for an election.

A Fur and Leather Union spokesman said here yesterday that Herman Loewenstein workers have been on strike for more than three months to enforce a union contract. The plant was formerly owned by the Cane Tanning Co. with whom the union had a contract.

## Taft-Hartley

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"unfair labor practices" by trade unions under the Act. This, Murray wrote, restores the employer-paid spy system.

The "brutal law of labor injunctions" has been revived. The CIO president cited several cases involving AFL unions, including the threat to the Typographical Workers Union strike in Chicago.

Several interpretations of the law by the NLRB, both in AFL and CIO cases, "would practically eliminate the right of workers to strike," even on straight economic issues.

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## MORNING

11:00-WNBC—Nora Drake  
WOR—Prescott Robinson  
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman  
WCBS—Arthur Godfrey  
WNYC—Music of Theatre  
WQXR—News: Alma Dettinger  
11:15-WNBC—Katie's Daughter  
WOR—Tello-Test  
11:30-WNBC—Jack Berch  
WJZ—Galen Drake  
WCBS—Grand Slam  
WNYC—United Nations  
WQXR—UN Newsreel  
11:45-WNBC—Lora Lawton  
WOR—Heart's Desire  
WJZ—Ted Malone  
WCBS—Rosemary  
WQXR—Along the Danube

## AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC—Rad Hall  
WOR—Kate Smith  
WJZ—Welcome Travelers  
WCBS—Wendy Warren  
WQXR—News: Luncheon Concert  
12:15-WNBC—Metropolitan News  
WCBS—Aunt Jenny  
12:30-WNBC—Brookshire  
WOR—News: Answer Man  
WJZ—Nancy Craig  
WCBS—Helen Trent  
12:45-WNBC—Our Gal Sunday  
12:55-WNBC—Farmer's Bullets  
1:00-WNBC—Mary Margaret McBride  
WOR—Luncheon at Sardi's  
WJZ—Baukhae  
WCBS—Big Sister  
WCBS—Big Sister  
WNYC—Spotlight Varieties  
WQXR—News: Midday Symphony  
1:15-WNBC—Nancy Craig  
WCBS—Ma Perkins  
1:30-WNBC—Listener Reports  
WJZ—Galen Drake  
WCBS—Young Dr. Malone  
1:45-WNBC—Believe It or Not  
WOR—Victor H. Lindlahr  
WCBS—Guiding Light  
WNYC—Museum Talk  
2:00-WNBC—Today's Children  
WOR—Queen for a Day  
WJZ—Maggie McNellis  
WCBS—Second Mrs. Burton  
WNYC—Weather: City News  
WQXR—Concert Hall  
2:10-WNYC—Books  
2:15-WNBC—Woman in White  
WCBS—Perry Mason  
2:30-WNBC—Holly Sican  
WOR—Daily Dilemmas  
WJZ—Bride and Groom  
WCBS—Highlights of Royal Wedding  
WNYC—Operetta—Pirates of  
Penzance  
WQXR—Curtain at 2:30  
2:45-WNBC—Light of the World  
WCBS—Rose of My Dream  
WQXR—Musical Memory Game  
3:00-WNBC—Life Can Be Beautiful  
WOR—Barbara Welles  
WJZ—Ladies Be Seated  
WCBS—Double or Nothing  
WQXR—News: Royal Wedding  
3:15-WNBC—Ma Perkins  
3:30-WNBC—Pepper Young  
WOR—Song of Stranger  
WJZ—Paul Whiteman  
WCBS—Art Linkletter  
WNYC—United Nations  
3:45-WNBC—Right to Happiness  
WOR—Recorded Music  
4:00-WNBC—Backstage Wife  
WOR—Ladies' Man  
WCBS—Hunt Hunt  
WQXR—News: Symphonie Matinee  
4:15-WNBC—Stella Dallas  
4:25-WCBS—News  
4:30-WNBC—Lorenzo Jones  
WOR—Rambling With Gambling  
WJZ—Treasury Band  
WCBS—Winner Take All  
4:45-WNBC—Young Widder Brown  
5:00-WNBC—When a Girl Marries  
WOR—Hop Harrigan  
WJZ—Dick Tracy

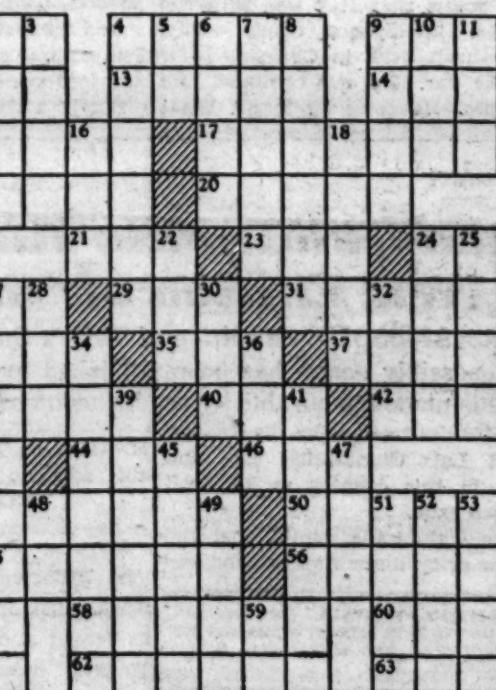
## Crossword Puzzle

## HORIZONTAL

1-Rich in oil  
4-Approximately  
9-Nourished  
12-Malt beverage  
13-Goddess of the  
woods  
14-Metalliferous  
rock  
15-English  
17-Acknowledgment  
of a wrong  
19-Tenth part  
20-To pardon  
21-Month  
23-Tup  
24-Since  
26-To strike gently  
29-Sheltered  
31-To move sidewise  
33-Cupid  
35-To pull  
37-Sound of a horn  
38-Three-stringed  
musical  
instrument  
40-And not  
42-Reception  
43-Half an em  
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## Adventures of Richard

## Uncle Hymie Is Thrown

## By a Polysyllabic Bronc

UNCLE HYMIE CAME walking down the street the other night wearing his riding boots for the first time. From across the other curb Menash yelled out: "Hey, where's your spurs?"

Uncle Hymie waved a hand in friendly greeting and puffed hard on his fat-black cigar. "Them ponies you got out here don't need spurs. They're too tame."

The kids walked over to him. "You mean you've been riding horses today?" Fritzlik queried.

Sort of been sauntering out in Prospect Park," Hymie replied.

"I don't believe it," No-Nose said. "I still don't believe you can ride a horse."

Uncle Hymie, the visitor from Cheyenne, Wyoming, looked down at his antagonist much like a huge collie dog scans a pekinese. "You're a fresh little bronco, aren't you? You won't believe I can shoot a gun, either, until I ventilate you like a swiss cheese. You're getting right frisky, varmint, and I'm a gettin' tired of your peskiness."

JIMMY, BIG BRAIN, who has not said much to Uncle Hymie since he came to Flatbush, muttered to Richard, "Do you notice how every time he tries to bluff No-Nose he starts using cowboy lingo? It's what we call a defensive mechanism."

Uncle Hymie overheard, "Say there, what's this about defensive mechanisms?"

Jimmy eyed Uncle Hymie bravely, his pupils small behind the big glasses. "I was merely saying that in your constant reversal to an alleged linguism typical of your part of the country you reflect an insecurity which, I think, No-Nose has managed in his own instinctive way to uncover. You don't like to be exposed so you use

dialect and phrases that tough cowboys are supposed to use, thereby bolstering yourself against such exposure."

If the atom bomb had hit Uncle Hymie square on the head he would not have been more stunned. Even the kids, used to Jimmy's professional and peak IQ talents, were absolutely bereft of words. Jimmy had outdone himself.

UNCLE HYMIE finally found his voice. "Whoa there, whoa," he sputtered. "Hold up. What are you, man or boy?"

"What difference does it make?" Menash said, "you wouldn't understand him anyway."

Uncle Hymie kept staring at Jimmy unbelievably. For the first time his Wild West facade had crumbled. "Stop looking at me as if I were a talking horse," Jimmy said irritably.

"I'll be gol dingered," Uncle Hymie mumbled, "I'll be hornswoggled. Never heard the like of that."

No-Nose finally found his tongue, too. "Come to think of it," he said, "the way Jimmy talked then, I could understand a talking horse better."

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## Ted Tinsley Says

### The Meyers Affair Revealed the Serious Medal Situation Today

WHEN A MAN like General Meyers isn't a big enough big-shot to get away with anything, things are coming to a pretty pass. Before you know it, only four-star generals will be permitted to make a fortune out of war, and that's not democratic.

Every time Truman opens his mouth to talk about capitalism's moral superiority, somebody borrows somebody's wife on a lend-lease basis.

What's interesting about the Meyers business is that all the charges and counter-charges seem to me to be true. I think Meyers is guilty. I think the people whom Meyers accuses of being guilty are guilty. In fact, this is the guiltiest damn investigation I ever did see.

THIS BRINGS to mind a famous statement of General MacArthur, spoken with one foot on the neck of the nearest newsreel man. "I will return!" spake the General. At least, that's the way it was reported. Actually, what he said was, "I will get a return!" and he was referring to his investments in the Philippines.

The Meyers investigation was important in revealing the serious medal situation which exists today. I am an expert on medals, having won the Good Conduct Ribbon with one (1) oak leaf cluster. The Good Conduct Ribbon is awarded anyone who keeps his thumb out of the soup.

Then come Bronze Stars, Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit, and higher decorations. These are awarded for one reason to enlisted men, and for another reason to officers. Enlisted men receive medals for outstanding accomplishments, bravery beyond the call of duty, and self-sacrificial acts in the prosecution of a war. It is only right to say that many officers—particularly below the rank of colonel—receive these medals for the same reasons.

But once you get in the upper brackets of the military—ah, the medals flow like wine! I know of one general, for instance, who awarded himself a Purple Heart after he scratched his finger on a bramble. I also know the medical officer who refused to certify the "battle wound" until he was so ordered by his colonel.

I wonder whether medals were awarded officers who floated particularly successful stock issue in officer's clubs (and if you don't think they issued stock and made money on it, guess again!)

THE LEGION OF MERIT is in a class by itself when it goes to high-ranking officers. Any time a Commanding Officer is relieved of his command and given the Staten Island beat, his superior gives him the Legion of Merit. He gets one Legion of Merit for leaving his old post, and another one for arriving at his new post.

It's tougher for the enlisted man. Remember the three-year-old kid that was lost in a swamp some weeks back? A colonel sent a company of GI's looking for him, and a private found him, after a two day search. The colonel, in a sudden gush of magnanimity, revealed to the press that he was going to reward the private. He did. He made him a PFC.

If the colonel had found the kid, he would now be Chief of Staff in Charge of Foreign Intervention in China.

Our present Chief of Staff better watch this Meyers affair pretty closely. If we fire all Field Officers who made stock deals, we're liable to be without an officer caste. Then Chiang Kai-shek will have to send us a military mission to keep the Chicago Progressive Party from spreading beyond Chicago.

### Music:

### Verdi's 'La Traviata' Opens Met Opera's Fifth Week

THE FIFTH week of the Metropolitan season will begin with Verdi's *La Traviata*, Monday, Dec. 8. The performance is headed by Licia Albanese as Violetta, Jan

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### Hollywood:

### Tough Life For Rogers And Horse

By David Platt

ROY ROGERS wants more dough from Republic . . . says his fan mail (90,000 letters a month) and horse feed for Trigger plus overhead amount to \$51,000 a year, much more than he's getting from the studio . . . things are tough all over . . .

Bette Davis will do a comedy role for a change in her next Warner film *Jane Bride*. . . . Mrs. Miller Huggins and the widow of Lou Gehrig will play themselves in the Babe Ruth story . . . Mickey Rooney co-stars with Gene Kelly in *Words and Music*, life story of song writers Rodgers and Hart . . . Greta Garbo may come out of her retirement to do a film for Garson Kanin's new movie company . . . The semi-documentary, *The Roosevelt Story*, already has 400 bookings in first-run theaters in England . . . London premiere set for early January . . .

THE LEGION of Decency condemned the independent sex-education



BETTE DAVIS has a comedy role in 'Jane Bride' . . .

tion film *M'm and Dad* . . . The Legion says "sex-hygiene" is not a fit subject for the screen . . . But in Mexico, the Chapultepec Society, run by the owner of a chain of Catholic newspapers, recently awarded a bronze plaque to the producers, Hygienic Productions, for the "most educational and beneficial motion picture shown in Mexico in 1947" . . .

Speaking of censorship, here's a bunch of lulus eliminated by the Pennsylvania State Board of Censors in 1919:

*Hyde and Seek Detectives* (Mack Sennet comedy): Eliminate closeup "view of man and girl walking on pier—man in one-piece bathing suit. Also closeup showing bottle labelled chloroform."

*Danger-Go-Slow* (Jewel): Eliminate subtitle: "Don't come near me—you beast!"

*Bearded Assiss* (Vitagraph): Eliminate subtitle: "Claire likes you but she's out for big coin."

*Out for the Coast* (Mutual): Eliminate "all views where girls are plainly shown smelling men's clothing." Also view of "man looking down at his shoes in a suggestive manner."

*His Daredevil Queen* (Hodkinson): Eliminate "entire incident of girl biting man's hand."

*ROYAL CANADIAN* Mounted Police and House of Commons Guards aided 50 20th Century Fox technicians, actors and directors as the cameras started shooting *The Iron Curtain*, anti-Soviet film, in Ottawa, a few days ago . . . according to a report to this column . . . Based on a story by Igor Gouzenko, self-confessed Soviet Embassy informer, *Iron Curtain* stars Dana Andrews as Gouzenko . . . Gene Tierney plays the part of Mrs. Gouzenko.

"Curious onlookers watched Andrews, the 'hero,' as he mugged all over Parliament Hill, speaking what was supposed to be Russian jargon . . .

during gaps in active shooting of scenes Miss Tierney sat in a Dodge limousine smoking America cigarettes and reading *Time Magazine* . . . William Wellman is directing . . . Confronted with an editorial from the Ottawa Citizen describing the moviemakers as "fomenters of ill-will," director Wellman said he had "nothing to say . . . after all we're only up here doing a job."

That's a pretty dirty job, Mac-

### Today's Film:

### 'Golden Earrings' Brassy Picture



MARLENE DIETRICH  
Passion by Max Factor . . .

By Herb Tank

I ALWAYS figured the spit and polish on the Hollywood style English Colonel was strictly on the surface. Given half a chance they really let themselves go. *Golden Earrings* gives Ray Milland, the English Colonel, just about half a chance or maybe even less, and inside of four reels our old school tie boy Ray is telling fortunes and believing them . . .

*GOLDEN EARRINGS*, Paramount picture. Directed by Mitchell Leisen. Produced by Harry Tugend. Screenplay by Abraham Polonsky, Frank Butler and Helen Deatrich from a novel by Yolanda Foidler. With Ray Milland and Marlene Dietrich. At the Paramount.

spitting thrice into the river, according to an old gypsy custom, and romping around with a pair of big size earrings stuck in his ears. Silly, isn't it? So is the picture.

It all started with Quentin Reynolds, playing himself, getting much too curious for the audience's good about Ray Milland's pierced ears. Naturally Ray Milland tells him all about it.

It seems that Ray was with the British intelligence doing veddy, hush-hush work in Germany prior to the war. He gets captured. He escapes. He meets the Gypsy. What

Golden Earrings is a sort of comic operetta, but it seemed like everybody involved in it forgot to keep their tongues in their cheeks where they belonged. All the characters come out of an old Hollywood myth, and *Golden Earrings* ploddingly perpetuates them.

And the dialogue! Sample: Marlene embraces Ray. Ray sniffs the air. "What is that odor?"

Purely a rhetorical question.

Books:

### Luis Quintanilla Illustrates A New Edition of 'Gulliver'

AS HANDSOME an edition of Swift's *Gulliver* as one could possibly desire has been published by Crown. The volume is made memorable by the inclusion of 24 original prints and 160 illustrations by the Spanish artist Luis Quintanilla, who now lives in this country as an anti-Franco exile.

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directly from his work, capture superbly the spirit of Swift's savage satire as well as a feeling for the 18th century in which it was written.

The publishers have wisely given us the attractively-bound classic on good paper and large, clear type. Even those readers who ordinarily find it irritating to read the old-fashioned orthography of capitalizing every noun (which other modern editions of *Gulliver* have abandoned) will not mind it in this instance.

Together, the Quintanilla drawings and the expert job of book production should make this edition be chairman.

Marking a century of Marxism, the Jefferson School of Social Science has chosen as the topic for its second annual forum, "A World To Win," commemorating the 100th anniversary of the "Communist Manifesto."

ROBERT FRIEDMAN.

The fundamental contributions of Marxist thinking during the past 100 years will be discussed at a forum Dec. 8, at 8 p.m., at Manhattan Center.

Speakers are Dr. Herbert Aptheker, author of *To Be Free*; William Z. Foster, chairman, Communist Party, U.S.A.; Vladimir D. Kazakov, collaborating author, U. S. S. R.: *A Concise Handbook*, and Dr. Howard Selsam, director of the Jefferson School. Doxey A. Wilkerson, former editor of *People's Voice*, will

be chairman.

## Around the Dial

'America's Town Meeting Of The Air'  
Toys With the Civil Liberties Question

By Bob Lauter

ARE civil liberties threatened in the United States? A good question, to which the answer would seem obvious. Tuesday night's "America's Town Meeting" brought us Harold Ickes, curmudgeon first class, and Rep. Edward H. Rees (R-Kan) to discuss the matter. On hand to ask questions were Morris Ernst of the Civil Liberties Union, and William Henry Chamberlin, mental contortionist of the Wall Street Journal and the New Leader.

THE PROGRAM demonstrated the mental paralysis which is gripping a large section of American liberals. I expected Rees to say nothing at length, and to red-bait, which he did. I expected Chamberlin to offer the same red-baiting, slightly intellectualized. I hoped that Ickes and Ernst would stand up and fight. They didn't.

Only Ickes really approached the problem. He approached it, rubbed against it, but he didn't bite into it.

DENNY, the moderator, set the tone of the meeting in his introduction when he stated, "We are in the midst of a world-wide struggle for power." With the Soviet Union, of course. Then he practically rephrased the question of the evening to read: Can America "protect" itself from Communists and still retain civil liberties?

Ickes made good points, as he always does. But he surrendered to the mentality of the very Thomas Committee he attacked by re-



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fusing to defend civil liberties of Communists beyond insisting that attacks on these liberties be done "by due process of the law."

"Liberty," said Ickes, speaking of the Freedom Train, "is more than a museum piece." Accusing Attorney General Tom Clark of having the courage of a white rabbit, and in being more interested in the Vice-Presidential nomination than in civil liberties. Ickes described the Department of Justice's top-secret list of "disloyal" people—people who are branded without a chance for a hearing. Ickes compared this to the "methods of the top Russian police." Implicit in everything Ickes said was the impression that he had no objection to placing Communists as such on "disloyal" lists.

REP. REES of Kansas insisted that Communists believe in force and violence, and that the American C.P. is an arm of "the Russian Communist International"—assumptions that neither Ickes nor Ernst bothered to challenge. Rees then stood history on its head by blaming Communists, rather than the resurgence of French fascism, for the difficulties in France today. Modestly identifying himself with Abe Lincoln (both Republicans, you know), he used Truman's Civil Rights report to bolster his argument. This report will furnish ammunition for every demagog unless there is a genuine attempt to put its more valid conclusions into action.

MORRIS ERNST began his questions by defending Tom Clark against Ickes; and Chamberlin, neatly ignoring the fiasco of the Canadian "spy trials," used these to demonstrate the "danger" to America.

Rees really answered the question about civil liberties when a man in the audience wanted to know if the government had succeeded in cleaning out all Communists in government service. Rees said the job was only starting. There are "lots more, lots more."

In Rees' "lots more" are included many men like Ickes and Ernst.

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### On Stage Notes:

## Robertson's Play 'Odyssey' To Be Produced Soon

A NEW production unit headed by Manuel Monisoff and Sam Swerdlow marks its entrance into the theatre scene with plans to present a new play by Milton Robertson, early in February.

The script, tentatively titled, "Odyssey" concerns itself with contemporary Europe and the difficulties of personal adjustment amidst chaotic conditions. Author Milton Robertson, while a newcomer to Broadway theatre, is active in the radio and television world and holds several Ohio State awards for radio series on the subject of racial amity and tolerance.

Arthur Rubinstein leaves Europe Tuesday (Dec. 9) aboard the *Ma-*

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to return to the U. S. after his first continental tour in nine years. He will make his initial New York appearance at Carnegie Hall on Feb. 15.

The original Don Cossack chorus will give their sixtieth concert of the season tomorrow (Mon., Dec. 8) in St. Louis under Serge Jaroff's direction. Their Carnegie Hall appearance on Jan. 2 will be performance number seventy.

Marian Anderson will begin her usual mid-season vacation after her concert in Boston on Wednesday (Dec. 10). She will resume her tour on Jan. 4 when she makes her second appearance at Carnegie Hall.

### On Stage . . .

## T. S. Eliot's 'Family Reunion' Embarrasses Actors, Audience

By Lee Newton

THE On-Stage boys and girls down at the Cherry Lane Theatre are not helping themselves these days with their production of T.

THE FAMILY REUNION, a play by T. S. Eliot, presented by On-Stage at the Cherry Lane Theatre. Directed by Frank Corsaro. Setting by Michael Meier.

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Sergeant Winchell	Charles Rees
The Eumenides	Nicole Pasca
	Lynn Jackson

S. Eliot's *The Family Reunion*. Even T. S. Eliot's best friends have told him that *The Family Reunion* isn't much of a play, and the On-Stage production only proves their point. The spectacle of a modern upper class Englishman being pursued (physically) by clawing hands supposedly representing the Greek Furies (Eumenides), because he tossed his wife over the rail of a ship, has to be taken with more than a grain of salt these days.

There isn't much more to *The Family Reunion* than that: unless one allows as dramatic material a lot of words about the hero traveling from one "plane" of existence to another with the Furies and their clawing hands close behind him.

It is difficult while listening to Eliot's lines to realize that this is the same Eliot of *Murder in the Cathedral*, *The Waste Land*, and the Eliot equipped with one of the most highly developed critical faculties in the literary world. Eliot, for my money, has always been a powerful force for reaction on the cultural front, but nevertheless his ability and equipment has to be respected; that, of course, was what made him a powerful force. But Eliot would be of no moment to anyone if *The Family Reunion* was all there was to him.

THE FAMILY REUNION is evidently an attempt to unite the drawing room play with Greek tragedy. But the injection of the Eumenides into Lord Harry Monchensey's home after he murders his wife strains the theme, the characters, the plot and the action of the play until it bursts at the seams and the pieces stagger off into obscurity.

Lord Harry confesses, or rather brags about the murder to his family who promptly ignore the admission, considering it as a pardonable breach of good taste, the knowledge of which is unimportant as long as it remains within the Monchensey Manor.

But Lord Harry scorns this attitude and the family, too. The family doesn't understand a man being pursued by the Eumenides



"FOR LOVE OR MONEY" is no great shakes of a play but it has zoomed into the hit class because of much-talked-about ingenue of the year—Miss June Lockhart, the daughter of that well known and able actor, Gene Lockhart. Here she is in John Loder's arms and bathrobe. . . .

right up to his very window. ("Can't you see those hands?" The audience does. I did: they were green hands.) Lord Harry struts around taut and all-knowing and when people talk to him they are promptly informed that, "You don't understand." This "you don't understand" business is used by Eliot at least 35 times during the two acts.

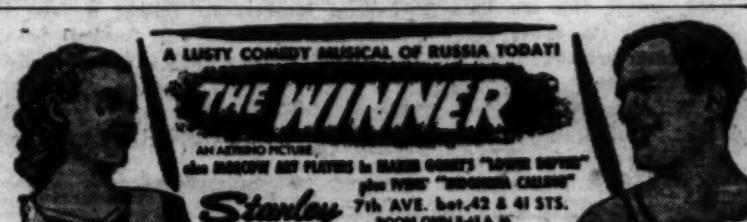
HARRY is quite proud that people don't understand he is now on a superior plane of morality (Eliot never tells us how he got there) until his aunt Agatha informs him she can see the hands, too.

It seems she seduced his father many years ago and thus is able to walk on the same high level as Harry. This puts Harry in his place, and, when his aunt tells him that

he should follow the hands, rather than have them follow him, he recognizes this advice as the word from the higher plane, promptly packs a bag and takes off.

His mother loses her manners at this point long enough to become incensed with the aunt. First her husband and now her son is lost because of the old girl's fenging. But Aunt Agatha simply meets the challenge with that old punch line "You don't understand." That puts Mom on the same plane as the audience.

This is another of those reviews where there isn't much sense embarrassing actors by mentioning performances. The ones who should be embarrassed are those who chose to inflict *The Family Reunion* on the cast.



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## On the Score Board

By Lester Rodney



### The Guy Was Only Kidding

"WELL, HAVE YOU got a class angle on the fight?" one of the other writers asked jokingly. Not a bad question. The sports writing mode is to detail the workouts, condition, attack, defense, predictions, statements, betting odds, estimated receipts andistic records of the contestants as a big fight approaches. Maybe it takes a question like that to remind ourselves just who these two men are who meet for the world heavyweight championship tomorrow night in Madison Square Garden, where they came from, how they got there.

Let's see. The first man to climb through the ropes will be Joe Walcott. He's 33, has a wife and six kids living in pretty comfortable circumstances in south Jersey. But he didn't come by those rippling arm and leg muscles on his six-foot, 192-pound frame casually.

His father, Joseph Cream, came from the Island of St. John's, of Barbados in the West Indies, as a lad of 11 and settled in Merchantville, New Jersey. Joe was one of 12 children. He managed to go through the local high school with honors despite the necessity of working odd hours to help support the family.

Handy with his fists in street fighting and attracted to the local gym at an early age, he decided to make the ring his career. He discovered it to be a tough choice. There were few opportunities, lots of discouragement and discrimination. These were the days before the man whose title he hopes to win, along with Henry Armstrong, John Henry Lewis and others, blazed their way through and made it possible for a fighter with a dark skin to get a better shake.

He married a high school sweetheart when he was 19 and after a while his checkered earnings in the ring weren't nearly enough to support a growing family. Joe Cream, who early adopted the ring name of Walcott after a famous Joe Walcott who came from his father's birthplace, worked on construction gangs, on the WPA through the bitterest years of the depression, on an ice truck, mixed cement, carried a hod and during the war did heavy work in a defense plant.

At one time, for a year and a half, he received \$9.50 weekly relief checks and tried to make them do for a lot of hungry mouths.

A patient ring worker with a good punch, he kept trying and started clicking several years ago. He is now rated the logical number one contender and his recent record earns him the right to a championship crack—and the richest purse of his career. With the proceeds of this fight his wife is going to have enough money to fulfill a lifelong ambition and complete a medical course at Temple University.

### Not Rated Much Chance

WITHAL, HE HAS no illusions about the fight game as a road to security for many. His oldest son has expressed an interest in fighting and Walcott told him, "Stay away from it, it's rough."

It is generally and logically considered that he has very little chance of outfighting Joe Louis. In fact, he could become a sort of hero merely by going the route without being knocked out. This is the ultimate tribute to Joe Louis, who is so good even at his fairly advancedistic age that nobody can seriously contemplate the possibility of his being beaten.

But don't take it to mean that Jersey Joe Walcott is not a fighting man and a good one. Without Louis around he could conceivably be champ now. He'll lick your Baksis and Mauriello and Godeys and Cranfords. If his juxtaposition to the greatest heavyweight of all time induces the notion that he's not such a much, merely look around the land at all the deep-chested, well-muscled young specimens of manhood, select the sturdiest 220-pound lumberman felling a tree in Minnesota, the most burly plunging fullback on any football team, and remember that none of them would stand a chance swinging fists with Walcott.

Whether Walcott deep inside of him thinks he can win nobody knows. But after speaking to him you do know that he won't "die" in the dressing room. He'll have to be beaten.

### Easy Story to Forget

THE LOUIS STORY has been told before but it is something to retell even briefly every time he steps into the ring and some latter-day fans take him for granted as a great "natural" champion.

Just like that! He was born into semi-slavery on an Alabama plantation and picked cotton as a toddling youngster. His family one day upped and made a desperate penniless Grapes of Wrath pilgrimage to Detroit. Joe swung heavy parts in the River Rouge plant and at the end of a long day's work started boxing in a smoky little gym and bringing home the pawn price of watches which were the prizes for his clumsy but improving efforts. He got better and better, then really great, came up against a challenging hostility by those who didn't want a Negro to become the looked-up-to world champion, and smashed through.

He hit the top. There is room for precious few to punch their way out of poverty and discrimination to his kind of fame and money. He knows that, too.

I knew he was an important guy but I never knew how important until I was in the Army. One day a wounded Negro private from Mississippi who never said much of anything spoke to me of Joe with an indescribable quiet pride. Another time a white southerner in my outfit with all the inbred prejudices of his background opined wistfully that it was a sort of shame he could never get to see such a great fighter as Joe Louis in action back home because it wouldn't be permitted in North Carolina.

Well, it may not be a great fight as fights go when Joe Walcott touches gloves with Joe Louis and all the lights but the big glaring one over the ring go out. But six kids who didn't always have enough to eat will be cheering for their father, along with a lot of guys who worked with him and people back in Barbados of the West Indies. And down around cotton country in Alabama and River Rouge, Detroit, and a lot of other places, Joe Louis fans, black and white, will tune in to hear the world's heavyweight champion defend his title. You might call that a class angle.

## JACKIE WILL PLAY IN SOUTH

The Dodgers, Jackie Robinson and all, have been invited to play pre-season exhibition games in Atlanta, Georgia, Dallas and Ft. Worth, Texas and Oklahoma City and will probably accept to set a new precedent, the Brooklyn office has announced. All invitations specifically asked Robinson to be included.

Florida cities don't want any inter-racial games. The Dodgers don't want, and won't have, any part of Florida cities.

## May Pull U.S. Out Of Winter Games Over Hockey Row

CHICAGO, Dec. 3 (UP).—The United States Olympic Committee voted today to withdraw all entries from the winter games if the entry of the unrecognized Amateur

committee charges, is controlled by commercial interests and hence not eligible for amateur competition.

The action meant that the United States would not be represented in figure skating, speed skating, bobsledding or skiing if the AHA Hockey team is allowed to compete. The AHA, the U. S. Olympic Com-

## NYU Has Talent, Needs Cohesion

And just how did NYU look to this department in edging Tulane 41-37 in its Garden opener Tuesday night? Like this: The team has a lot of spirit and hustle but as yet

little direction. The absence of the ineffectual Sid Tannenbaum has left a gap in floor leadership and stability, and don't let anyone kid you about that. Ray Lumpp, improved and a sound ball player with good scoring punch, looked like the club "pro" and can take up part of the slack but Joe Dohlon, a very fast, very aggressive ball hawking floorman with flair, can be the man if he gains poise and confidence rapidly enough.

On the whole the team has the weaknesses and strengths of Howard Cane coached teams immemorial—which means very little apparent pattern to the attack, too many wild court long passes, main reliance on improvising, give and go plays, spontaneous passwork and set shooting, lots of condensation, drive and a better than average close ballhawking defense.

The team is not nearly as advanced as CCNY and if they met right now the Beavers would be apt to murder them. They don't have the speed, the co-ordination and fluidity of Holman's team, nor the apparent depths. Without big Schayes controlling the boards they wouldn't look like much of anything right now.

However a quick improvement can be expected. Don Forman scored only three points against Tulane and he's an established scorer who's bound to start clicking. Dohlon will score more and Joel Kaufman, potentially the ball-player of the team, could develop rapidly into stardom. Incidentally it was the slim 6 foot 4 sophomore Clinton who put the crusher on the "Southerners" (who are well

led with products of that greatest player exporting state in the union—Indiana). With a slim two point program and a sort of ragged, tentative freeze under way with more than a minute to go, Kaufman had the court instinct to forget the freeze and flash under for the insurance two pointer when the desperate Tulaners came out for the ball and left room underneath.

Joe DeBonis, one of the better set shots in the city, had a late practice start and did little but he'll have to be in there often for NYU needs set shooting to open the opposition up for its driving under tactics.

NYU doesn't look like a championship team. They may never look as if they know exactly where they are going with the ball. But they'll come along to get tougher and tougher because there is good talent on the squad and if nothing else Cane will have them conditioned and driving....

But pending drastic uptake in cohesion, it's still CCNY as Gotham No. 1... L. R.

### FLETCHER TO INDIANS

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 3 (UP).—The Pittsburgh Pirates tonight sold first baseman Ebbie Fletcher to the Cleveland Indians.

## CCNY, St. Johns Meet Mountain Invaders at Garden Tonight

Invaders from the basketball hot Rockey Mountain area feature the second Garden twin bill tonight. The feature game pits Brigham Young against the speedy CCNY team. The Utah team was edged

### WE PICK: St. Johns and CCNY

by LIU here last year 62-59 and has a veteran, strengthened team back so a hot battle should be on tap.

In the opener St. Johns makes its Lapchick-less debut, meeting the U. of Denver. Denver is not rated quite as well as Brigham Young despite a veteran squad, but St. Johns is handicapped by injuries to Dick McGuire, Tommy Tolan and

Gerry Celebese. McGuire rated only second to NYU's Sid Tannenbaum last year in the city, hurt his shoulder colliding with Columbia's Walt Budko in scrimmage but may get in.

Weston, Jacobson, Summer, Plantamura and Dalton figure as the Redman starting five. They are rated a good sleeper outfit and in contention for met honors and tourney bids. Set shot ace Dan Buckley is still around for spot playing.

City will start Dambrot, Trubowitz, Benson, Malamed and Jameson, with lots of action slated for Farbman, Shapiro, Finestone, and Finger. The Beavers flashed early speed and form against strong American U. last Saturday.

### LIU Shaping Up

LIU's first team is shaping up, their 74-49 victory over the Quantico Marines shows. Scherer, big center, scored 12 points and rated ahead of the more experienced French. Lou Lipman, the steady man, tallied 17. Lefty Tropin 12. Little Eddie Gard is feeding and hustling well. Smith and McQueen are also in the running for starting spots.

### Rasslin Tonight

Ernis Dusek, leader of the Omaha Riot Squad, and Wladislaw "Man Mountain" Talun, 6 foot 9 inches and 303 pounds meet in the main bout of tonight's show at the Park Arena. They are scheduled to "battle" it out to a finish.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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# In This Corner...

By Bill Mardo

## The Word of Williams

JOE WILLIAMS tried terribly hard to out-do his Pal Pegler yesterday, but by the time the chivalrous Colonel hit the bottom of his column he thought better and did a quick change job. For three-quarters of the piece Williams hinted ominously on Georgie Raft's visit to Joe Louis' Pompton headquarters and the movie actor's dressing room confab with the champ from which all newspapermen were barred. The inference being that Raft, allegedly Hollywood's heaviest plunger, was getting the inside dope from Louis. And Williams wasn't letting anyone forget Raft is such a sinister influence that Leo Durocher was ordered away from his company prior to the Chandler suspension. But like I say, Williams lacked the courage of his own dirty thinking and at the last moment pulled out of it. To wit: "There are two standing guarantees about Louis: (1) he's always going to be in condition, (2) he's always going to be leveling. Raft and his companions didn't have to see him privately to find that out."

Now that I have the Proven Word on Louis' integrity, I'll come down and cover the fight. I wouldn't have, y'know, if Joe Williams proclaimed the fix was on.

## Everything's Relative

LIKE LUCKMAN AND Governali before him, Columbia's Gene Rossides hasn't got the fine protection necessary to fully exploit his great natural talents. Also why, like his illustrious predecessors, the Flatbush Flinger won't be found on any All-America varsity selections. I've always felt all things worth considering on such selections and if a player is handicapped by lack of an ample forward wall and still shines through, it's well worth comparison to some of the Big Nine All-America backs who've got Goliaths holding the fort while they trot through their paces. Anyway, you'll find Rossides on the AP's Ivy League All-Stars, along with Minisi, Nadherny and West.

Don't be at all surprised if Rossides becomes a true-blue great in the pro ranks despite his deceptively skinny frame. I don't recall the Army linemen tackling Rossides with any special fondness in that memorable contest, yet the Erasmus boy picked himself off the turf time and again to make monkeys of the confused Cadets. He'll do okay for himself in the pay ranks. Much okay.

## No Retiring From This Fight

Buddy Young, bias-buster on the local pro grid scene, among those who took in Louis' next to last workout at Pompton. Nobody more tickled at the great democratic tide sweeping football than is the heavyweight champ. Penn State going to the Cotton Bowl is a particular Louis delight. And he believes the day not far when tennis and golf Jimcrow will be blasted wide open. On Joe's agenda for his post-ring career is a heavy schedule of speaking engagements in the small towns of America, many magazine pieces such as his recent socko article in "Salute"—all of this banging away in the traditional Louis style on one vital theme—the job of kaving discrimination for the long count. Needless to say, Louis backs up his beliefs with steak-sized contributions to organizations dedicated to same. Some of that "fast spending" you've heard so much about!

Don Barksdale, who seemed the greatest center on the college hoop loop when UCLA pasted NYU at the Garden last year, is now doing his stuff for a West Coast quint. Professional, that is.

MANAGER OF THE team which just ended Jimcrow on the Pacific Coast League is a gent who, last time I heard, still carried his steel-miner's union card. That would be Rip Collins of the San Diego Padres. Oh you heard of him when he played some first base for the Cubs? Kee-reet, and give that gal a box of elbow macaroni. Doctor!

## Red Smith Connects

RED SMITH of the Herald Tribune rated a low bow for his courageous article on the CYO and K. of C. action against Durocher's return to Brooklyn. Undoubtedly one of the finest writers to ever hit the sports scribbling field, Smith brought all his bite to bear against the unholly pressure put on Rickey to keep Leo away from the Dodger dugout in '48.

"It is not ordinarily considered an act of Christian charity to kick a guy just when he's trying to reform," said Smith, and after decrying the strange absence of specific charges against Durocher by the Catholic organizations, Smith estimated that in lieu of such charges "the public is likely to conclude that the organization opposes Durocher because of his marriage to Laraine Day and the legal circumstances surrounding it. This is an uneasy business, especially if the K. of C.'s attitude should be the deciding factor in costing the man his job. It is not so very far from such a position to a boycott against all divorced men in sports."

Like Mr. Smith, I'm not an absolute lover of everything Durocher, but what's right is right. And Leo is unquestionably getting the business. Has been since Havana.

# Gulfstream Opens

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Dec. 3 (UP).—After being closed for two days, Gulfstream Park will reopen for racing tomorrow under a compromise agreement on purse value increases reached today between the track management and horse owners.

Track president James Donn came to an agreement with the boycotting Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association on an increase in minimum purse value from the present \$2,000 to \$2,400. The H. B. P. A. has asked that the values be raised to a minimum of \$2,500, but the compromise was reached at a meeting this afternoon.

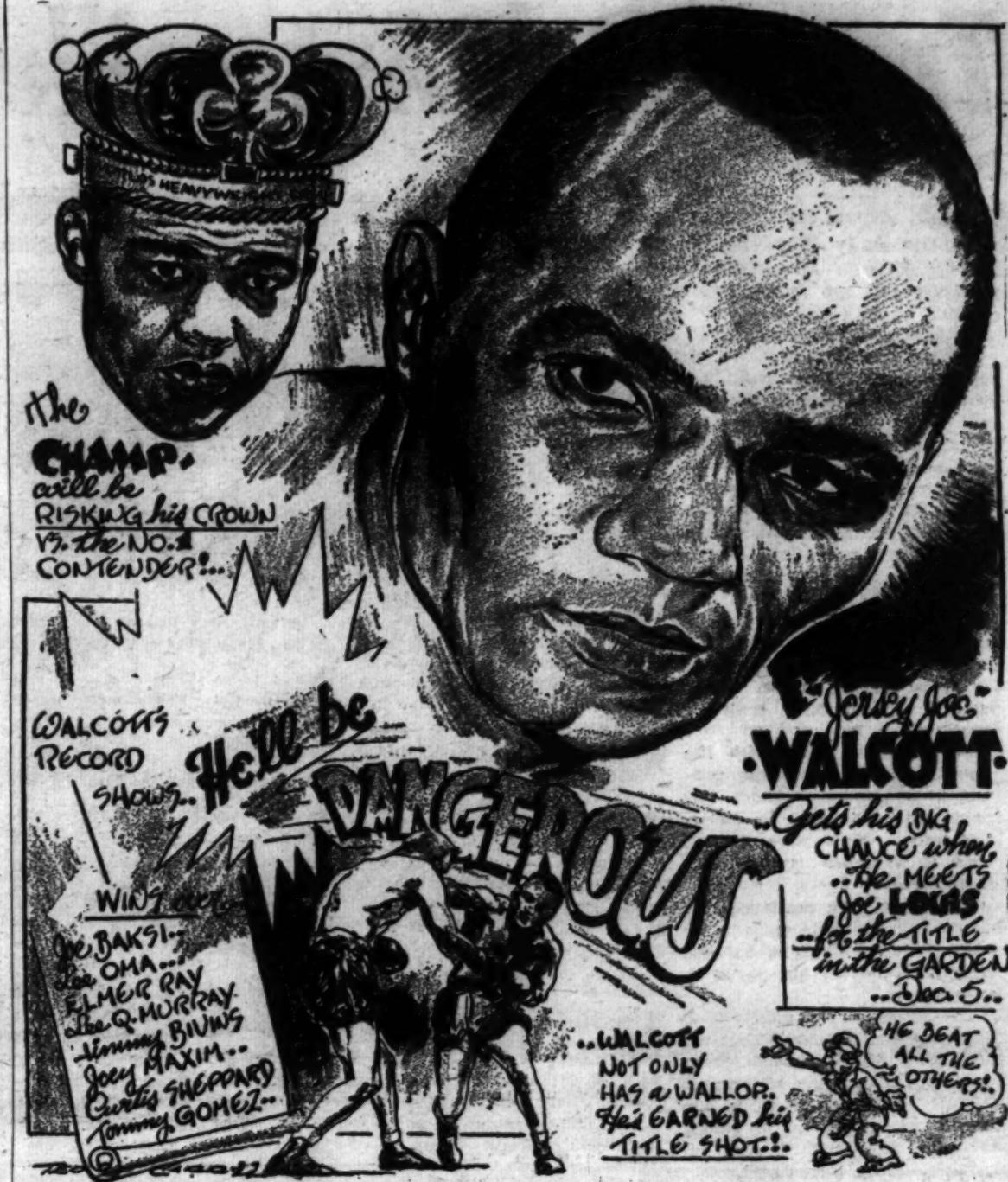
Gulfstream, the first meeting of the Florida winter season, had a full opening day program on Monday, but horsemen refused to enter their mounts yesterday or today and the track was forced to close.

Agreement was reached in time for entries to be made for a program tomorrow. The new program calls for a minimum of \$22,000 in prize money per day, not including stakes races.

## WILL 24 BE LOUIS' UNLUCKY NUMBER?

How Louis handled the 23 challengers who tried to lift the crown from his brow. Will Walcott, No. 24 in the record-breaking number of Louis' title defenses, succeed where the others failed? The soaring 8-1 odds against him say no, but the final barometer will be read 36 hours hence.

1937—Tommy Farr	.....	Won 15	1940—Al McCoy	.....	K.O. 6
1938—Nathan Mann	.....	K.O. 3	1941—Red Burman	.....	K.O. 5
1938—Harry Thomas	.....	K.O. 5	1941—Gus Dorazio	.....	K.O. 2
1938—Max Schmeling	.....	K.O. 1	1941—Abe Simon	.....	K.O. 13
1939—John Henry Lewis	.....	K.O. 1	1941—Tony Musto	.....	K.O. 9
1939—Jack Roper	.....	K.O. 1	1941—Buddy Baer	.....	K.O. 7
1939—Tony Galento	.....	K.O. 4	1941—Billy Conn	.....	K.O. 13
1939—Bob Pastor	.....	K.O. 11	1942—Lou Nova	.....	K.O. 6
1940—Arturo Godoy	.....	Won 15	1942—Abe Simon	.....	K.O. 1
1940—Johnny Paycheck	.....	K.O. 2	1946—Billy Conn	.....	K.O. 8
1940—Arturo Godoy	.....	K.O. 8	1946—Tami Mauriello	.....	K.O. 1



## Results, Entries, Selections

### Charles Town Results

FIRST—About 4½ furlongs; claiming; 3-year-olds and up; \$300. Adjacent (Tammaro) 3.60 2.80 2.60 Yellow Silk (Weber) 5.60 3.60 Edmar (Joran) (Carri) 3.80 Also ran—Lady Tweed, Fair Foot, Aca-pana and Lallila. Time—51 1/5.

SECOND—About 6 furlongs; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$300. White Rocket (Hopkins) 15.80 3.60 3.40 Battleground (Hopkins) 2.60 2.40 Let's Roast (Foster) 3.80 Also ran—Princess Tide, Nancy's Hero, First Party, Valdina, Goblin and Commo-dore. Time—1:18 3/5.

THIRD—1 1/8 miles; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$1000. Swami (Cardoza) 6.80 4.60 3.60 Snowstorm (Austin) 6.80 8.20 Wild Knight (Arduini) 22.40 Also ran—Buckeye, Sticky Fussy, Han-nah B., Bloodhound and Tristernagh. Time—1:56 3/5.

FOURTH—About 4½ furlongs; allowances; 3-year-olds and up; \$1200. Belstan (Cardoza) 27.80 7.20 6.20 Cabin Creek (Hopkins) 3.60 3.60 Bonanza Lou (Baird) 11.20 Also ran—Edie Jane, Woofie, Lou-ray O'Neil, Chrys-Doll and Celebrity Miss. Time—1:49 3/5.

FIFTH—5½ furlongs; claiming; 3-year-olds; \$1000. Cravache (Leggett) 4.60 3.40 2.40 Knight's Hurry (Drury) 13.60 4.20 Endtown (Nodarse) 3.00 Also ran—Yvonne, Reno Unity, Count Morvich, Quick Steward and Marie La-cress. Time—1:21 3/5.

SIXTH—About 6 furlongs; allowances; 3-year-olds and up; \$1200. Asaider (Baird) 11.60 4.40 2.60 Bungalee (Cardoza) 2.40 2.20 a-Double Duty (Grant) 2.20 Also ran—Our Bid, Joe's Favorite, Spiker, Alhalon and a-Sun Target. Time—1:16 1/5. a-Nicodemus-Wynkoop entry.

SEVENTH—7 furlongs; allowances; 3-year-olds and up; \$1000. Ranger Mosby (Arduini) 14.80 7.60 4.60 Royal Step (Holland) 5.00 4.00 Weary Load (Bush) 5.40 Also ran—Hezekiah, Miss Haste, Pitx Mede, Tap Lightly and Genial Sam S. Time—1:27.

EIGHTH—1 1/16 miles; claiming; 3-year-olds and up; \$1000. Larkaround (Tammaro) 4.60 2.60 2.60 Adeste (Snyder) 4.40 3.60 Gallant Doc (Arduini) 6.60 Also ran—Halgas, Mibill D., Hopetul Re-ward, Karkkai and Chance Fair. Time—1:38 2/5.

### Charles Town Entries

Charlestowns entries for Thursday, Dec. 4. Clear and fast. Post 1 p.m. EST. FIRST—4½ furlongs; claiming; about; 3-year-olds and up; \$1,000. \*Chance Bras 120 Dorothy T 110 Bit of Nerve 119 Some Moose 116 Dot A 110 Baylette 116 Red Emilio 119 "Patty Boy" 114 Black Tide 113 Likeadash 113 Mother Daisy 116 "Miss Prime" 111 Sunset Roy 119 Krato 116 SECOND—1 1/16 miles; claiming; 3-year-olds and up; \$300. \*Pari Dominate 109 Ebony Moon 114 Wale Signal 114 Pete Wren 114 Indian Chief 114 Merchiston 120 Fair Date 117 Balloon 117 \*Shady Dolan 109 Judge Advocate 116 Royal View 109 Homeward Bound 120 Shoot First 112 "Peace Fleet" 109 THIRD—7 furlongs; claiming; about; 3-year-olds and up; \$300. War Scandal 109 North Sea 114 Sonorous 111 "Bang Boy" 114 "The Heights" 112 Little Poni 114 \*Distant 109 "Lrd Loser" 115 \*Toonerville 115 Prime Minister 117 Harv Aethel 115 Butter Scotch 112 Scuttle Ship 114 "Ardashir" 109 FOURTH—6 furlongs; allowances; about; 2-year-olds; \$1,000. Blue Smoke 111 "Let'em Wander" 112 Flameup 114 "Tig" 108 Ring Time 116 Gay Plate 117 Friendly Miss 114 "Cinder Foot" 115 Hoseah 114 "Dena" 106 Sunday 111 Speedy Rascal 117 Porto Jr 117 Roger's Moose 117 FIFTH—6 ½ furlongs; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$1,000. Curfew Girl 107 Belpast 116 Chance Oak 116 Pharan 113 Big Moose 116 Gallantry 116 Grand Toy 110 \*Princess V L 111 "Louie's Line" 108 Brooke Argo 116 Stage Song 110 Abrek 114 "Billy Bits" 119 SIXTH—6 furlongs; allowances; about; 3-year-olds and up; \$1,000. Brest 114 Corner Star 115 Bold Boy 120 Dothead 113 \*Blue April 108 Forty Banks 113 How Happy 118 Mindanao 114 Experiment 111 Aylesbury 118 Glaister 116 "Westover Lady" 110 Sebo 114 "Sweet Barbara" 108 SEVENTH—1 1/16 miles; allowances; 3-year-olds and up; \$1,200. Fieldfare 115 Smiling Lass 118 Signals Bloke 115 "Electron" 110 Oyster K 118 Fleetest 112 Casser 115 "Alhalon" 110 Lasvegas 115 "Gallant" 110 EIGHTH—1 1/4 miles; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$1,200. White Ford 116 Ole's Gal 113 Our Birthday 116 "Happy Moose" 108 Fiery Steel 116 Taxalduie 119 \*Firebroom 111 Tenebrosa 113 Worthowning 119 Golden Message 113 Dark Cloud 116 "Roy C" 111 Bonziah Seniah 116 Pittstown 115

### AL'S SELECTIONS

- 1—Patty Boy, Chance Bras, Erato.
- 2—Pete Wren, Judge Advocate, Peace Fleet.
- 3—The Heights, Lord Loser, Distant.
- 4—Porto Jr., Let 'em Wander, Cinder Foot.
- 5—Belpast, Pharan, Billy B. 2.
- 6—Mindanao, Westover Lady, Aylesbury.
- 7—Fleetest, Casset, Electron.
- 8—Firebroom, Our Birthday, Dark Cloud.

### United Press

- 1—Bit of Nerve, Chance Bras, Baylette.
- 2—Balloon, Homeward Bound, Fair Date.
- 3—Harv Aethel, Toonerville, Hard Loser.
- 4—Flame Up, Let 'em Wander, Gay Pilate.
- 5—Belpast, Gallantry, Chance Oak.
- 6—Mindanao, Glaister, Westover Lady.
- 7—Signals Bloke, Fleetest, Casset.
- 8—Worthowning, Fire Broom, Ole's Gal.

### Minor League Okays Umpire Minimum Wage

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 3.—The National Association of Minor Leagues accepted the recommendations of the Umpires Committee today, establishing a minimum salary of \$250 per month plus expenses for all arbiters in minor league baseball. And then the decks were cleared for tomorrow's big issue—the Pacific Coast League's bid for major league.

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## Seaman Tells How Troops Rule Marseille

By Olive Sutton

"Marseille is a city cut off from the rest of France. It looks like a state of war," Mariano Arrua, an American seaman just back from France, declared in an interview with the Daily Worker yesterday. Thousands of troops, heavily armed, have occupied the city, he said. All vehicles approaching it are stopped and checked.

"It is martial law," he said.

Arrua, a member of Marine Cooks and Stewards, CIO, was visiting in France at the time of the elections and the beginning of the strike demonstrations. He met his brother seamen in Marseille at the time that they refused to violate the picket-lines of struck longshoremen.

Arrua, of French descent, saw the way the French election operated in a small town where he was visiting.

"The church told the people to vote for De Gaulle," he said, "and threatened them if they didn't. And the bosses in the industries were doing the same thing with the workers."

But from his talks with the French people, Arrua was convinced De Gaulle "wouldn't last more than two days in power. Everywhere they were talking about it. There isn't room for him in France."

"The people," he continued, "are hungry. The average wage is 250 to 300 francs a day and its costs 1,000 francs for one person to eat for one day.

The policy of the unions is to conduct peaceful strikes. That was true with the longshoremen. They hoped to convince the government of their needs. Even when the troops were brought in to unload the ships, the strikers went on picketing quietly," Arrua said.

When he arrived in Marseille, he said, the Empire State Victory was scheduled to be unloaded the next day by French Moroccan troops. The crew of the Empire State and the Henry G. Custin held a joint meeting and voted moral and financial support for the French Longshoremen's strike.

### CREW REFUSED

They had been attempting to get in touch with the WFTU, and wired Joseph Curran and Ferdinand Smith for advice.

When the chief mate of the Empire State ordered the bo'sun to get ready for the unloading, the mate and the crew refused, Arrua said.

There were two pickets at the gang-plank and more at the gate," Arrua said. "Since the contract calls for safe working conditions, and this was a legitimate, militant picket line, the crews felt that they were within their rights not to work."

"The crews were disappointed when they got word from Curran to call on the American consul for advice," he said.

Arrua left Marseille on a Polish steamer for the United States just after the crews from the two ships appointed delegations to call on the consul.

### All-Time High

The index of wholesale food prices in the week ended Dec. 2 soared to a new all-time high Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., announced today.

The index reflected an increase in 13 of 31 foods in general use and rose to \$7.17 from \$7.06 in the preceding week. This compared with \$6.39 in the corresponding 1946 period.



**Ejected From Assembly Chamber:** Communist Deputy Jacques Duclos (second from left) and Raoul Calas (third from left) along with other Communist deputies march out of the French National Assembly after assembly president Herriot had ordered guards to eject them. The Communist deputies were engaging in a sit-down to protest suspension of Deputy Calas.

## Legion Tries to Bar Gerson From Council

The Kings County American Legion leaders yesterday launched their attempt to bar Simon W. Gerson, New York State Communist Party legislative director, from succeeding to the City Council seat left vacant by the death of Councilman Peter V. Cacchione. Gerson had been designated by the Kings County Communist Party Monday to fill the post.

In an eight-column headline, the Brooklyn Eagle yesterday proclaimed, "Legion Fights Red Designee To The Council." The story reported Legion threats "to prevent the appointment or election of any Communist to public office."

Kings County Legion Commander James T. Watters intimated the Legion would seek to repeat its witch-hunt drive on Gerson seven years ago. At that time the New York State Department of the Legion instituted suit to remove Gerson from his post as confidential examiner to the then Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs, of Manhattan, now a member of the Council.

Gerson resigned when it became apparent that the Corporation Counsel would refuse to defend him. During that hysterical Legion attack, Isaacs courageously upheld Gerson's right to the job.

In a pointed effort to intimidate Gerson, the Legion Commander yesterday warned that "it ought to be enough to remind Gerson of what happened on his previous appointment." He said: "The American Legion will take the same steps if he ever attempts to get into the Council."

Gerson is a World War II vet.

Legion authorities were confident the Democrats in the City Council would gang-up on Gerson and on the right of Communists to hold public office.

The Council Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges, headed by Brooklyn Democrat Walter R. Hart, is scheduled to take up the matter this afternoon. A report was current in City Hall yesterday that Hart intended to pigeon-hole the letter and resolution from the Kings County Communist Party designating Gerson to succeed to Cacchione's place.

### DEMOCRATS' STRATEGY

Hart refused to comment on any possible action the Committee would take. It seems likely the Committee will merely note for the record that it had received the communication and lay it over. The strategy of the Democrats is to wait for an opinion from the Corporation Counsel which they hope will give some legal basis to bar Gerson.

At a press conference Tuesday, Gerson warned that "any attempt to deny recognition to the Party by subterfuge is simply an effort to deny representation to the 75,000 Brooklyn voters who voted for Peter V. Cacchione." He said that if the Council attempts to deny him a seat "every necessary legal and other public step will be taken."

Thomas F. Flynn, chairman of the Kings County Legion Americanism Committee, in backing up the witch-hunt stand of the Legion Commander, said a broad program is being mapped "to combat Communism."

## BROADWAY BEAT

By BARNARD RUBIN

WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST has finally admitted he's near death.

In an official but secret meeting held at his San Simeon, Cal. castle, the great prestitute recently made the final disposition of his holdings.

Hearst, his lawyers, and executives, agreed that none of his five (or more?) sons are fit to exercise control over any of the enterprises. Arrangements were made to be sure that they would function only in a "front" capacity.

Richard Beaton, who worked with Hearst's Cosmopolitan magazine, will be the big executive wheel after the boss' death. . . .



### TOWN TALK

Lou Holtz being peddled to radio in a series of five minute transcriptions of his familiar stories. . . .

George Bernard Shaw is sent \$4,700 weekly in royalties from the current Maurice Evans revival on Broadway of *Man and Superman*. It was written 44 years ago. . . .

Elia Kazan will receive 20 percent of the profits in addition to three percent of the weekly gross for directing *Streetcar Named Desire*. The highest percentage for any director yet. . . .

Television's first disc jockey show starts Dec. 9 on WNBT with Ray Forrest doing the platter-chattering. . . .

Alfred Hitchcock coming to town to look over the Broadway stage for movie talent to be used in his film *Rope*. . . .

Billy Rose angling for the rights to the coming musical *Manhattan Tower* which he wants for his next nightclub show. . . .

Forever Amber being cut to escape Legion of Decency intimidation.

Roxy Theatre, which is owned by Twentieth Century Fox, is booking another company's film for the first time in years. Seems their own stuff hasn't been doing so well. . . .

Overheard coming out of a performance of *Medea*: "But whatever happened to *The Telephone*?" . . .

Sign on the building of a taxi service outfit on West Street and Christopher: *No Loitering Except On Business*. . . .

If that didn't convulse anyone this surely won't. This was in the window of a second hand bookshop on Fourth Avenue: *We Buy Books and Old Furniture. We Sell Rare Antiques*. . . .

They're telling this one about Walter Winchell now.

Seems he promised someone in the family that he'd see a psychiatrist—but kept putting it off. Finally the relation was asked by a friend why Winchell hadn't gone yet.

"Well, he says he's aware of all his neuroses."

"Yes," was the retort, "and loves every bit of them!" . . .

Don't know how he does it, but from what I could see, those are real tears George Jessel sheds when he gives out with those old sentimental songs. When I think what the money he gets could do I could shed a few real ones, too. . . .

The men who wrap the strike-bound Chicago papers for the mails have been told by the NLRB that if more than two in any shop are out sick on the same day their union will be charged with conspiracy under the Taft-Hartley slave labor law.

The striking printers, members of the AFL International Typographical Union, have not yet asked the other printing crafts unions to go out because of the penalties under the Taft-Hartley Law. . . .

### News Item:

#### JOHNSTON WILL RECEIVE AWARD FOR DORE SCHARY

Washington.—MPA president Eric Johnston on Thursday will receive for Dore Schary the 1947 humanitarian award of the Golden Slipper Square Club.

The award will be made for Schary's continuing fight against bigotry and specifically for the RKO film, "Crossfire."

This is really a new version of humanitarianism. The producer of "Crossfire", Adrian Scott and the director, Edward Dmytryk, have been fired out of the movie industry on the initiative of Eric Johnston.

Now Johnston will accept the award for the work they did in the name of humanitarianism! . . .

See you in the weekend Worker. . . .

## NATHAN ASKS ROLBACK OF PRICES OR WAGE HIKE

Special to the Daily Worker

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Robert R. Nathan, former government economist, told the Senate Banking & Currency Committee today there should be either a price rollback of 20 to 25 percent or a wage increase.

The author of the Nathan report, prepared for the CIO last year, informed the committee that after the establishment of the new wage-price relationship, the government should step in to maintain it through price controls and rationing.

Nathan's reasoning was somewhat along the lines of the leadership of the CIO when it decided to seek new wage increases.

A CIO spokesman told the Daily

Worker today that these leaders figured there would be no price control action this session of Congress. But even if the regular session did slap a lid on prices, he said, there would still be no rollback, and wages would have to go up to meet present price levels.

In testimony before the House Banking Committee, Labor Secretary Lewis Schwellenbach confirmed the fact that Truman's program contemplated no rollback.

Schwellenbach also said the administration wanted only limited powers to control "selected" items, to be applied only after all other methods had failed.

Wherever prices were controlled, wages would also be controlled, he indicated.